



# CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

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## LACK OF LOCAL BINGO PLAYERS WORRIES SOME

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

With the advent of progressive jackpots and greater opportunities to win larger sums of money, local Bingo operators were hopeful that patronage would increase, but that has not happened.

According to the Knights of Columbus, their Wednesday night Bingo crowd has dwindled in recent months, leaving the organization scratching their heads and wondering how to raise money for local community service projects.

Dennis Long heads up the Grayling Knights and said the hall used to host up to four Bingos each week, helping local groups raise money for youth activities, sports and other projects. "We are lucky to have 30-40 people each week now. We fear that the money that used to be spent at the local Bingo halls are now being spent at area casinos."

Long said the money gambled at the casinos doesn't come back to the Crawford-Grayling community like local Bingo earnings do, leaving the community on the losing end of the gambling industry.

The American Legion recently halted Thursday night Bingo operations. John Keir has been in charge of the games for years and said he is ready for a break. "There have been so many Thursdays where I have missed the opportunity to participate on Page 3A

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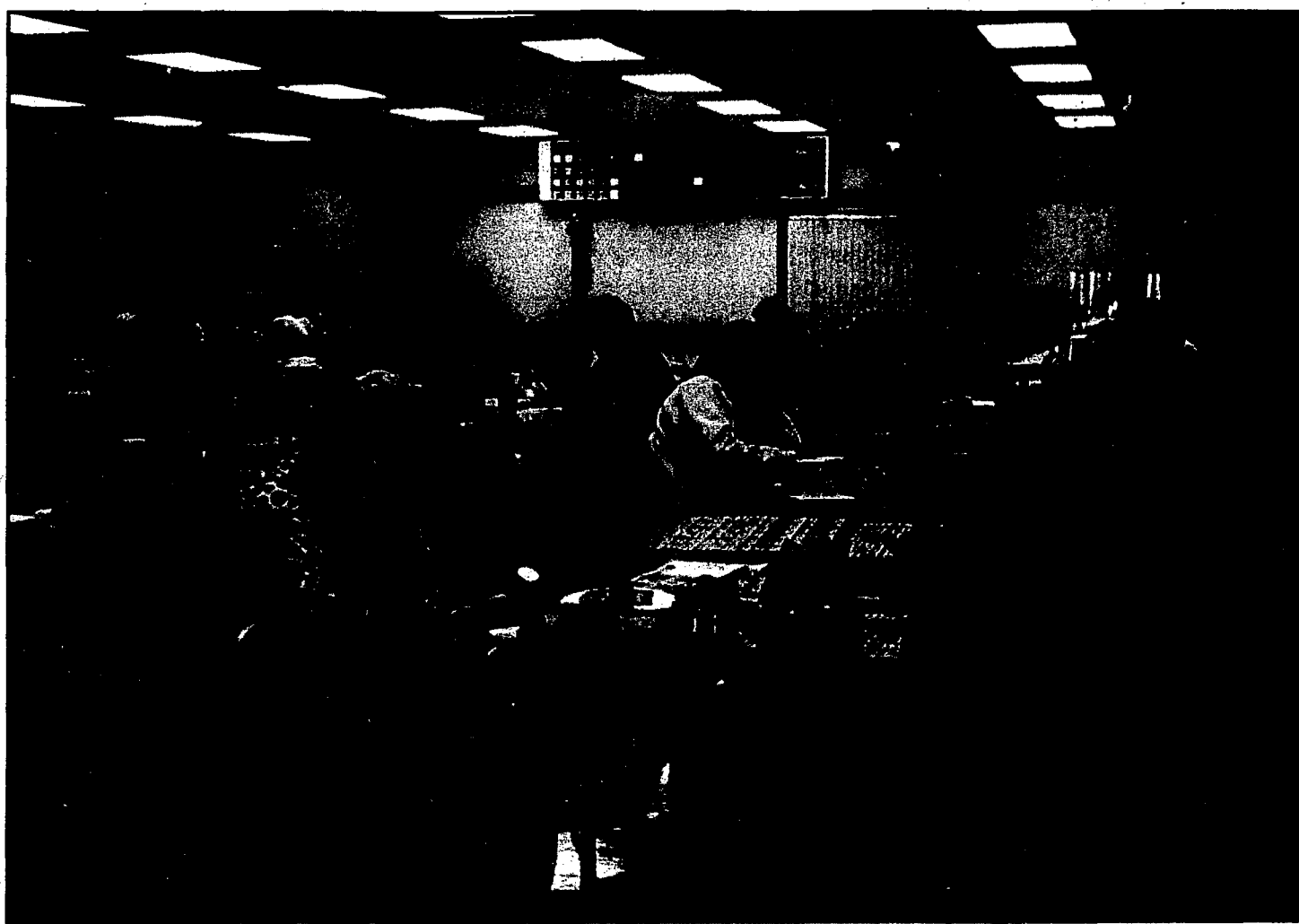


Photo by Cheryl Ruley

This may appear to be a full house at the local Knights of Columbus Hall Bingo, but what is not shown are all the empty tables and chairs, leaving Bingo operators to wonder, "Where has everyone gone?" Casino gambling may be one reason.

## Shelter members take action to remove board

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Copies of petitions containing over 500 signatures of professed members of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County (ASCC) were delivered to the ASCC Board acting president Ward Parker and the Crawford County Prosecutor's office on January 2.

Three separate petitions have been circulating in the county, the most recent dated December 30... the same day shelter director Dixie Lobsinger picked up a letter at the post office from the animal shelter board, dated December 26, 2000, stating they "rejected" her "subsequent recantation" of her resignation and would meet with her at the shelter on December 31 at 2 p.m. to take custody of all shelter records, funds, keys, etc. The letter was signed by Parker and Nancy Lemmen.

According to ASCC By-Laws, membership is open to anyone willing to subscribe to the purpose of the ASCC (basically taking care of homeless animals, providing adoption Continued on Page 3A

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## Paintings enhance hospital's holistic approach

Mercy Hospital Grayling has become the newest showcase for the paintings of artist and long-time Grayling resident, Terry Dickinson, who recently donated over a dozen oil paintings to the hospital.

"Sister Jean Umlor and I have been friends for a very long time and I am aware of the holistic approach to patient care that Sister Jean orchestrates at Mercy Hospital," Dickinson said. "I believe beauty has a positive effect on the healing process -- be it music, a sunset, or a painting. So, I chose to make a contribution to enhance patient care areas of the hospital."

"Terry's paintings are wonderful and will serve to provide a calming, thoughtful setting for patients who are at the hospital and, therefore, in an unfamiliar setting," remarked Sister Jean, RSM, RN, Holistic Health Care at Mercy. "I have wanted to provide areas inside our hospital which allow for peace and tranquility, similar to our outdoor Healing Garden. These paintings are a wonderful first step toward achieving this goal."

Dickinson began his career as a full-time artist in 1975 when he quit teaching mathematics and began painting murals. Between 1974 and 1976, he painted over 50 murals in Bay City. Because of this effort, Bay City billed itself as "Mural City" for several years.

He has worked on other large projects with other clients, such as Purdue University, the City of Frankenmuth, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Most recently, he was commis-

sioned by the School of Forestry of Michigan Technological University to provide a 24-foot wall carving on which contributors could be recognized and honored.

Dickinson moved to Grayling in 1978 after the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce purchased a float he constructed and decorated for Bay City. The float has undergone revisions, but is still in use by the Chamber to honor Miss Grayling.

He also designed many of the storefront facades in downtown Grayling, including Weaver's Gifts

(now Mary's Corner Book store), J. Dap, Davis Jewelers, Grayling Restaurant, Northern Litho Printing, and the old Grayling Mercantile (now Amicare and Boards and Beyond).

"We are hopeful that Terry will begin work on several murals within the hospital. These could be funded by persons who wish to contribute in honor of or in memory of a loved one whose name would be identified in a plaque next to the painting.

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Photo courtesy of Mercy Hospital Grayling

Local artist Terry Dickinson (left) recently donated paintings to Mercy Hospital help bring beauty and calm to the healing experience of patients. Mercy Hospital Grayling CEO Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak (right) welcomed the donation as part of the holistic healing approach.

## Will donations rise as temperatures fall?

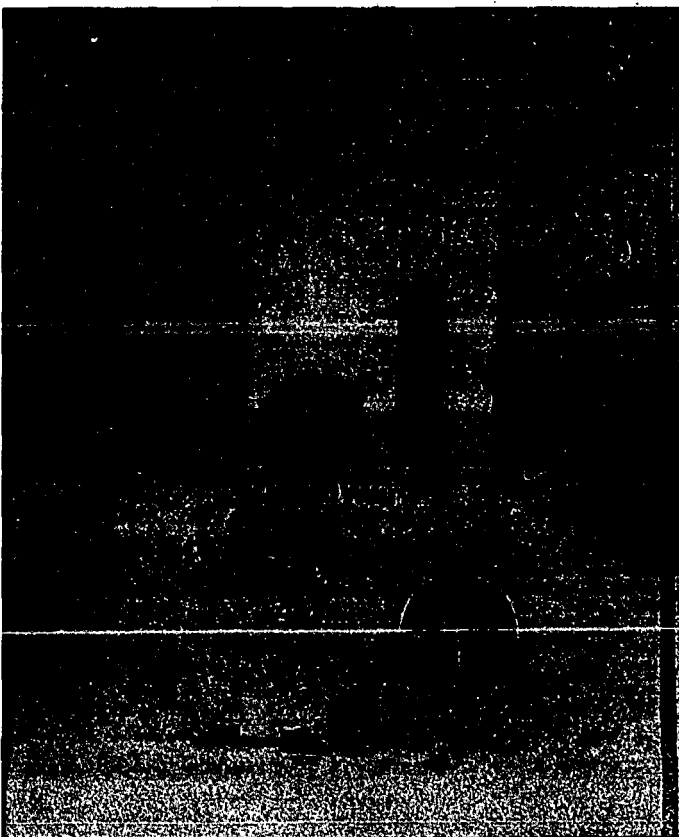


Photo by Linda Goinick

The United Way thermometer is rising slowly, but surely, toward its goal of \$70,000 to be divided between nearly 20 Crawford County charitable agencies. The United Way Board of Directors is asking everyone who is able to help out. No donation is too small to make a difference in a local person's life. To make a tax-deductible donation, mail check or money order to: United Way of Crawford County, P.O. Box 171, Grayling, MI 49738.

## Suspected Florida felon caught at local bus stop

Late Saturday night, December 30, Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies arrested a man out of Florida who was wanted on multiple felony charges, including attempted murder.

Information was received from the Lake County Sheriff's office in Tavares, Florida that a man wanted in their jurisdiction may be arriving in Grayling on board a Greyhound Bus. The tip from Florida also stated the man was going to be picked up at the bus stop and given a ride to the Charlevoix area.

Deputies set up surveillance on the stop, remaining out of sight of arriving passengers. When the bus arrived as scheduled, the wanted man was seen exiting the bus. The arrest was made with the assistance of pictures faxed by the Lake County Sheriff's Office when the man denied his identity during officer's questioning.

With the assistance of the Michigan State Police and the Grayling City Police, the 39-year old Apopka, Florida man was arrested without incident and found to be in possession of narcotics.

He is being held in the Crawford County Jail awaiting extradition to Florida. No bond is allowed on the five felony warrants from that state.

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## New Animal Control Officer reports for duty



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Laura Ross (left) began her work as Crawford County's new Animal Control Officer on January 2. It will be Ross' duty to enforce the county's new animal ordinance approved by the county board last fall. She will report to Crawford County Controller Paul Compo (right).

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

Six-year veteran of the Roscommon County Animal Control Division, Laura Ross, has been hired to enforce Crawford County's new animal ordinance. She reported for her first day of work January 2.

Under the authority of the county, Ross, of South Branch Township, will be involved with pet licensing, transporting of strays, follow up on

nuisance complaints (including reports of vicious animals), and any reports of animal neglect or abuse. In the past, animal control duties fell solely under the authority of the Sheriff Department. Now the department will work with Ross to uphold the ordinance.

State certified for animal control work, Ross was hired in as a part-time employee and will work 25-30 hours per week and maintain an "on-call" status. During those on-call or off hours, Ross is only obligated to answer emergency calls.

Crawford County Controller Paul Compo said, "This is a growing period for everyone working with the new ordinance and this is the first time animal control has been under the control of the County Board, not the Sheriff's Department."

Compo said the county board is hopeful that in two or three years the animal control program will be running well enough to allow Ross' position to be made full-time. "It's just going to take time."

## Building and Zoning Department welcomes new secretary



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Accompanied by Planning Commission and County Board members Terry Beardslee (left) and Scott Hanson (right), Corinne Pillaro was welcomed aboard as the new secretary in Crawford County's Building and Zoning Department. With previous experience as an office manager, Pillaro is tasked with keeping things running smoothly for contractors, residents, and department schedules. She began her new job in mid-December, 2000.

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## Organ shortage still plagues state

by Jen-Shuan Lo  
Capital News Service

LANSING- John Brinkerhuff of Dimondale didn't know he had a potentially fatal heart malfunction until he collapsed in a restaurant. He was in shock when doctors told him he needed a transplant.

As his condition deteriorated, he had no choice but to quit his job and lost his health insurance a year

and a half after the diagnosis. "I went through an awful lot of emotional chaos. I put my faith in God. He comforts me," he said.

As his condition turned critical, he rose to the top of the national waiting list. In 1991, after seven long years, he had his heart transplant at the University of Michigan, one of eight transplant centers in the state.

Now 59, he received a heart of a 28 year-old man who died in a boating accident. Under federal transplant regulation, a recipient can only have limited information about an organ or tissue donor. However, Brinkerhuff not only knows the name of his benefactor, but became acquainted with the donor's family.

"The young man passed away at the same hospital where I had my surgery. My nephew worked with one of his best friends. They discussed this at work. Then, my nephew said, I bet my Uncle John got his heart," he said.

The two families met and became friends. Brinkerhuff said it was a miraculous discovery to know he and his donor had lived and worked in the same area. "Fate linked us together in a mysterious way."

Brinkerhuff says his life has been changed since he got a new heart. "I feel different because I feel good. I started being aware of how precious life is and focused on what is important."

Brinkerhuff is now a donation advocate who makes speeches in medical schools in the state and shares his experience with medical students. "I want to give them the family side of human stories and let them know what's the best way to face patients' emotional distress."

As for his benefactor: "I hope his family knows I didn't waste the young heart they gave me."

It did not take too long for Jan Jetz to receive a kidney transplant because her sister, Mary Ann, donated one to her 20 years ago.

The Kalamazoo County resident had been ailing for four years and had to go to the hospital three times a week for dialysis while she was a high school student.

"Having a transplant is the best

thing that ever happened in my life. I don't have to worry about having machines hooked up on me three times a week," she said.

However, not everyone on the waiting list is as lucky as Brinkerhuff and Jetz. As of November 1, 1994 Michiganians died without transplants while 396 others received one. And 2,467 people are still in dire need of the limited supply of organs and tissues, according to the Transplantation Society of Michigan, based in Ann Arbor.

The group urges families to discuss the issue during family gatherings because organ donation requires the consent from donor's family if the donor did not sign an organ card, said Tom Beyersdorf, director of the group. "In some cases, families told us they never talked about it and refused to donate."

Under Michigan law, the Secretary of State's office is required to hand out an organ and tissue donation card when people apply for or renew their drivers' licenses. Signed cards are mailed to the group, which puts the information into a national computer system managed by federal government.

Beyersdorf said the Secretary of State's effort has helped boost the number of names of potential donors to a record high of 282,000. "We're grateful for what they've done on our behalf."

However, Michigan's per capita rate of donation still lags behind in the nation and slipped from 21st in 1998 to 32nd last year. Beyersdorf said the group is still trying hard to find out the reason.

Every hospital in Michigan is also required to contact the group hourly whenever it has donors or patients in need of transplant.

Organ and tissue donations are not limited by state boundaries. About a quarter of this year's donations from Michigan residents were transplanted in out-of-state patients.

Beyersdorf said a series of criteria, such as blood type and a patient's condition, are evaluated to determine who is the best candidate for the available organ or tissue.

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# Road Commission re-evaluates brine contract

► After brine spill, Road Commission rethinks contract with Oscoda

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Road Commission (CCRC) is currently in the process of renegotiating an agreement with the Oscoda County Road Commission (OCRC) for Oscoda's use of a Crawford County brine well.

The well, located at Martindale Road just off of North Down River Road, was vandalized in September, resulting in a sizeable brine spill at the location.

The clean-up effort has cost the

Road Commission over \$80,000 so far.

Oscoda's contract with the CCRC expired in the summer of 2000, and after the spill was discovered, the Road Commission decided to hold off on renewing the contract, since the well's future was in question at the time.

The CCRC tested water at several locations near the spill site at Martindale. Some tests came back as "non-detect," some picked up slightly higher-than-normal chloride levels, and some test results still haven't come back, including samples taken by the Department of Environmental Quality.

The Road Commission recently made some improvements to the well, and decided to continue using it this winter. The Road

Commission uses brine (salty mineral water) on roads to melt ice in the winter and keep the dust down in the summer.

One Martindale Road resident asked the Road Commission to close the well down entirely, but the board decided to continue using the well.

"At this point we're still getting benefit out of that brine," said CCRC Board Chairman Tom Perry. "We still have roads to maintain."

The CCRC notified Oscoda of the problems at the well, explaining the uncertainty of the well's future operation.

The OCRC's response indicated Oscoda's heavy reliance on the brine for winter road maintenance, and the Oscoda Road Commission even offered to purchase the well

site if the Road Commission decided to abandon it.

The Road Commission Board, not wanting to cause a problem for the Oscoda Road Commission, agreed to allow Oscoda to continue using the well this winter; however, a new agreement would have to be worked out for the future.

The most recent contract with Oscoda County, which expired this past summer, allowed Oscoda to pay 2¢/gallon for the first 250,000 gallons of brine per year, and 1¢/gallon for each additional gallon.

"I think two cents and one cent is ridiculously low, but I don't want to bust the road commission over there," said Chairman Perry.

Also, the OCRC had no obligation to pay for brine well maintenance under the old contract.

At the request of the Road

Commission Board, the new contract, put together by the Road Commission's legal counsel, includes language that would make Oscoda responsible for part of the cost in "claims" and "attorney fees" involved with any problems at the site.

The Road Board, by consensus, authorized Road Commission Managing Director Don Babcock to negotiate the final brine prices with the Oscoda Road Commission.

The CCRC is also working on plans for improving the Martindale Road brine well this year, including an extension of the pad underneath the well. Operating procedures for the brine well are also being updated.

# Shelter members take action to remove board

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tution services and educating the public on animal issues) and who donates money, time or resources. Also, members shall be entitled to vote on issues brought before the organization, hold elected office, and vote on board members at the annual meeting.

In a letter accompanying the petitions, the members write, "The people who signed these petitions are all members of ASCC by the definition in the bylaws of a member. They are also entitled to know when meetings are held and to vote on all issues brought forward."

The letter alleges the shelter board violated Michigan Law Statute 450.2404 Section 404 by failing to notify members of meeting dates, times, and places to allow members to attend and vote on important shelter issues and to take part in the election of board members. According to the statute, written

notice of the time, place, and purposes of a meeting shall be given not less than 10 nor more than 60 days before the date of the meeting. The law states the notification can be done by publication in the newspaper, personally, or by U.S. postal service.

The members of the ASCC have agreed to exercise their rights under Michigan State Law Statute 450.2511, Section 411 and 450.253 and stated they have the right to remove the entire board of directors with or without cause, by a majority of members. "These signatures speak for themselves," the letter states.

At the most recent Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting on December 20, District #2 Commissioner Scott Hanson offered to serve as mediator between the shelter board and Lobsinger. Although Lobsinger said she did not wish to meet with the

shelter board, she did agree to meet with Hanson. Both Lobsinger and the shelter board were instructed by the County Board that they would be in contact with both parties before the end of the year to begin mediation.

Hanson met with shelter board members the evening of December 27, the day after the rejected resignation letter was drafted. Hanson reports that shelter board members aired their grievances regarding Lobsinger's directorship and failure to provide financial records however; the shelter board members did not inform Hanson of the letter sent to Lobsinger.

On December 29, Hanson met with Lobsinger to allow her to share her concerns about shelter operations under the current board, getting the mediation under way, still unaware of the shelter board's letter.

Upon receipt of the letter, the petition drive stepped up and some

members agreed to come to the shelter on December 31 to meet with the shelter board.

Some shelter board members were present near the shelter on December 31, but never approached. All left before their requested 2 p.m. meeting.

Members waited until after 2:30 p.m. for the board to return and when they did not, the members decided to hold their own meeting that afternoon. About 20 members attended the meeting, and after some discussion of lack of meeting notification and the unproductive relationship between Lobsinger and the shelter board, they voted unanimously to remove the entire shelter board.

According to the Michigan Attorney General's office, unless a removal procedure is otherwise specified in a non-profit organization's articles of incorporation, the state law should rule. The same is

reportedly true with the meeting notification rule for "shareholders" or, in this case, members.

The members plan an organizational meeting on January 11 at 2 p.m. at the Gray Rock Cafe. Nomination and election of new officers is expected. All those interested in attending and voting who fit the criteria of membership are encouraged to attend. The meeting is open to the public.

# Judge Hunter sworn in for another term

The Honorable John G. Hunter (center) was recently sworn into office for another six-year term as Probate and Family Court Judge by Crawford County Clerk Sandra Moore (left). The ceremony took place on December 20 during the Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting before friends and court employees. Also shown are County Chairperson Lynnette Corlew and District 6 Commissioner Terry Beardslee.



Photo by Cheryl Rusey

# Stupak says continuing resolutions show lack of effort

WASHINGTON- Saying he was willing to keep working on the budget right through into January, Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, has called on Republican leaders to complete the basic work of Congress and approve a funding plan for the federal government.

Stupak made his comments as Congress, which has failed to complete seven of the 13 appropriation bills required for all federal services, prepared to vote today on the 18th continuing resolution, or CR, which would continue funding levels for all programs at fiscal year

2000 levels.

The federal budget process called for the bills to be approved by both Houses of Congress and signed by the President by Sept. 30, the end of fiscal year.

"There have been 15 CRs brought before the House since I last voted in favor of this procedure on Oct. 20," Stupak said. "We must complete the budget process without recourse to additional CRs."

"I oppose this continuing resolution and I will continue to vote against CRs, because they represent a failure of leadership, a failure of

effort, and a failure to recognize the significant problems caused by the lack of an approved budget."

Among the major problems is a failure to approve a Medicare give-back to rural hospitals, which have been hurt by provisions of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. Other issues, like an increase in the minimum wage, are also on hold because of the failure to adopt new spending bills.

"With an eye on the holiday calendar and the prospect of working with a new administration, Republican leaders have floated

ideas like a CR for the balance of the fiscal year, and have even welcomed the prospect of another government shutdown," Stupak said.

"I ask the leadership to step up to their responsibilities, give us a chance to vote on budget compromises negotiated in good faith between Congress and the White House, and let us fulfill our responsibilities as elected officials," Stupak said. "I am prepared to stay here until this essential work is done."

# Lack of local Bingo players worries some

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participate in other activities, but I couldn't because of my obligation to Bingo," Keir said. No one has stepped up to take Keir's place, so Bingo play has ceased for at least the time being even though games were the major fund raiser for scholarships and other projects.

Long said he is hoping for a comeback, especially in the winter months when travel to casinos may be more

difficult for some and cabin fever sets in for others. "I'd just like to see the community support what Bingos are left and keep some of the money here in Grayling."

Currently, Bingo games are played on Wednesday nights beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Norway Street, and at the Eagles Hall on Huron Street (M72 East) Friday nights at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoons at 1:30 p.m.

# Paintings enhance hospital's holistic approach

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"We would also like to feature other area artists within our walls and we are hoping that Terry's donation will begin to stimulate interest," said Carol Todoroff, Fund Development Manager at Mercy. "Anyone interested in becoming involved in this initiative can contact me at (517) 348-0566."

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# FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

## WHEN INJURY STRIKES

People often avoid seeing a doctor for foot injuries, opting instead to treat themselves. But ankle sprains, broken toes, and other foot injuries need medical treatment to prevent incomplete healing, deformities, or future ailments. Remember the word "RICE" - rest, ice, compression, and elevation - for those occasions when you cannot receive immediate medical attention. Rest the area, staying off your feet whenever possible. Ice the injury gently for 20 minutes with an ice pack or ice wrapped in a towel, wait 40 minutes, and repeat. For compression, wrap a bandage lightly around the injured area. Avoid pulling too tight as this could lead to further injury. Elevate the foot higher than the waist to reduce swelling and pain.

While it's smart to know the basics of

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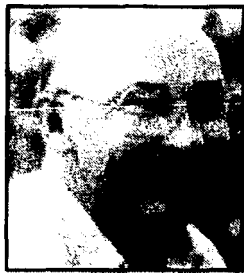
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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

# Michigan gains people, loses political clout

**MICHIGAN POPULATION** has experienced a vibrant seven percent growth rate during the last ten years.

It's a far cry from a decade or so ago when a standard joke was that the last carload of folks deserting Michigan for jobs in other parts of the country should turn out the lights.

That's the good news. The bad news is we're not growing fast enough to keep up with the rest of the country.

In comparison with Michigan's seven percent growth rate the rest of the country shot up almost twice that fast, which means Michigan will lose one seat in congress and some clout in national politics. That's not good news for either party in Michigan, but that's the way it is.

It wasn't always like that in Michigan. Almost every census in

the first half of the century showed steady Michigan growth, and we frequently added a congressional seat each 10 years. The 1960 census took Michigan to 19 House seats, our peak. But in the last four census counts, we've lost four congressional seats. We'll be at 15.

**MICHIGAN IS NOT** alone. Population has boomed in the south and west, and dwindled in the Great Lakes and northeastern states. Political power follows the numbers.

Drawing new congressional boundaries falls to Michigan legislature, now controlled by Republicans who can be expected to exact as much political advantage as possible from the process.

Squeezing 15 districts into where 16 now fit can be tough, and most district lines likely will be changed somewhat.

Districts must be as close as possible in population, cross as few county lines and other governmental jurisdictional boundaries as possible, and be relatively compact. Each district should contain about 670,000 people.

Following those guidelines, districts can be drawn in countless ways and to favor one party or the other. Present congressional delegation is 9-7 for Democrats.

GOP districting plans likely will try to eliminate one Democratic district and possibly weaken two or three marginal ones, while strengthening marginal GOP seats.

Democrats also will offer apportionment plans, and so will so-called "good government" groups. Because Republican control the system, GOP plans deserve the closest scrutiny.

**POPULATION PATTERNS** in

Michigan show strong growth in suburban areas and in western Michigan, and lesser growth or declines in rural and urban areas.

Most severe political alterations likely will be in Macomb and Oakland counties, where likely target Democratic seats now held by Reps. Sander Levin and David Bonior. Somehow fashioning a Republican seat in southeast Michigan will be a key GOP goal.

Two Democratic seats based in Detroit, held Reps. John Conyers and Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, are safe. Detroit population is almost a million, and Detroit votes 90 percent Democratic.

Another GOP aim likely will be to add Republican voters to the mid-Michigan district (centered in Ingham and Livingston counties) which has changed political hands four times since 1980. Republican Mike Rogers won it in 2000 by 100-

plus votes. Republican areas on the rim of this district may be merged into it.

In the north, Rep. Bart Stupak's district -- which already stretches below the Straits and across the Upper Peninsula to Wisconsin and Minnesota -- likely will spread a bit more southward. All of Crawford County, now split between Reps. Dave Camp and Stupak, may end up entirely in the Stupak district.

**IN ADDITION** to congressional seats, the state legislature also must reallocate its 110 state house and 38 state senate districts. No seats will be eliminated, but boundaries must change to reflect where people live in 2000, not in 1990.

The same population trends will affect these shuffles, too, and the some general guidelines are in place. Detroit and other big cities may lose representation, while west

Michigan and urban areas may gain.

The state senate for the last few elections has been Republican, but because the political margin in the state house is paper-thin either way, reappointment of the legislature is also a top political priority.

A little shuffle of population here, moving a boundary a few miles there, and things could be made more comfortable for which party is drawing lines. This time, it will be the Republicans.

Reapportionment will continue as an important and intriguing political saga in Michigan throughout the new year.

*Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.*

# EDITOR

## Young, old and college students at higher risk for meningitis

As college students return for the fall semester, at the top of their checklists should be up-to-date immunizations - including one that helps prevent meningitis, a rare but deadly disease that flourishes in close quarters such as dormitories.

After recent isolated outbreaks of bacterial meningitis on college campuses, the Center for Disease Control and the University of Michigan Health System are recommending students consider getting the meningitis vaccine.

Bacterial meningitis strikes about 3,000 Americans each year -- including about 125 college students -- and kills about 300 people annually.

"Meningitis is an inflammation and infection of the lining surrounding the brain and spinal cord," says Cary Engleberg, M.D., professor and chief of the Infectious Diseases Division of the University of

Michigan Health System. "Viral meningitis is relatively mild with fever and headache but bacterial meningitis is a very dangerous disease because the immune system cannot effectively remove bacteria from spinal fluid. If untreated, bacterial meningitis is usually fatal."

Along with fever and headache, other symptoms (of both kinds of meningitis) often include a stiff neck, particularly in adults. "In children, meningitis may present with a change in behavior, inconsolable crying and irritability," says Engleberg. The infection may also affect consciousness - the ability to think clearly or stay awake, he says.

The problem, says Engleberg, is distinguishing between viral and bacterial meningitis. Anyone experiencing the symptoms described earlier should go to the emergency room as quickly as possible to be evaluated, he says.

The disease is spread through person-to-person contact and most cases are in young children or the elderly, says Engleberg. And although college students don't fit the usual age profile, they might increase their risk three- to five-fold by living in a dormitory, he says. Typically, people living in close quarters, such as dormitories, military barracks and institutions are especially vulnerable to infection. Still, he notes, the risk is minimal. "The likelihood that an incoming freshmen class is going to have even one case of (bacterial) meningitis is very small," he says.

There are probably many more cases of viral meningitis, he says, but they haven't been counted.

When bacterial meningitis is diagnosed, it is vital to receive immediate medical attention. "It also requires immediate public health attention because it tends to occur in outbreaks," says Engleberg. The patient's contacts must be identified so they can begin treatment with antibiotics. Some people don't become infected, he says, but can be carriers.

Vaccination for meningitis affords some degree of protection against about 80 percent of the meningococcus strains. It takes about two weeks for the immunization to become active, he says. "So if you're trying to prevent secondary cases from an initial case, the appropriate thing is to give the antibiotic, which acts immediately," says Engleberg.

He recommends that college students who are going to live in dormitories receive information about meningitis and its risks. They can decide for themselves whether to receive the vaccination. The cost runs from \$60 to \$80.

"The most important thing for college students is to review their vaccination status for the normally required vaccines and make sure they are up to date," says Engleberg. "If they have incomplete immunization to Hepatitis B, that might be considered."

"They should have had a second immunization against measles, mumps and rubella before they enter college. These are things that should be considered seriously," he says.

## Grayling has the nicest people

To the editor,

"Grayling does have the nicest people." That is what a young lady told me as I was waiting to be pulled from a snowbank on Thursday, December 28.

I was returning home from a joyous Christmas with my children and grandchildren in Houghton-Hancock in the upper peninsula when I realized that I needed gas in my Explorer. I turned off an exit on I-75, having seen a Marathon sign some time back. Instead of turning again into the station, some 200 yards off the road, I went a little beyond and was making a U-turn to return to the station, when suddenly the car skidded into a snow bank on the snow-covered road.

I couldn't back up so, needless to say, I was stuck! I was prepared with shovel and kitty litter, but a

lovely, young gal stopped and said she thought I couldn't get out without a tow. In a matter of seconds, three Good Samaritans stopped to help, and a handsome, young man got out his tow ropes, affixed them to the back of my car, and pulled me out immediately. He wouldn't take any money, and I foolishly didn't ask his name, and it was at this point that the young gal said, "We have the nicest people in Grayling."

I wish I had gotten their names, but I do thank them from the bottom of my heart. They didn't have to stop, but they did. All I can say is I really appreciate their help and I want to wish them the happiest New Year. I will pass forward this thoughtful deed the next time I see someone in need.

Mary E. Blocker  
Beverly Hills, MI

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# BRIEFS

## PG needs empty bottles, cans, rummage

Following a successful cookie dough sale, the Project Graduation Committee 2001 is continuing its fund-raising efforts with a beverage bottle and can drive on Saturday, January 6, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the Grayling Elementary School. Bring your empties to help pay for the chaperoned senior all-night party on June 1. Volunteers will also be travelling door to door in the city of Grayling to collect. Seniors and underclassmen are encouraged to put a few hours of collecting to help make the campaign a success. Meet in the GES parking lot at 12 noon. Also, a rummage sale is planned for February 17 and 18 at the American Legion Hall to benefit Project Graduation. Hours will be announced at a later date. The committee is seeking clean, usable and saleable donations. No clothing please. To make a donation to the sale or to arrange for bottle/can pick up, call Sue McNally at 348-2324 or Charlotte Fairbotham at 348-1145. The Project Graduation Committee will meet Wednesday, January 10 at 7 p.m. in the Grayling High School teacher's lounge. Everyone in the community is invited to get involved to give grads a safe alternative on Graduation Night.

## Lions' Lucky 13 winners announced

Grayling Lions' Lucky 13 winners of \$100 each are Sherrie Duncan and Don Prause.

## Sheriff to attend Beaver Creek meeting

Sheriff David Lovely will be attending the Beaver Creek Township meeting scheduled for Monday, January 8 at 7 p.m. Anyone with questions or comments should feel free to attend. The sheriff will be there throughout the meeting and, if necessary, will remain afterward for additional questions or comments.

## Flu/pneumonia vaccines available

Flu/pneumonia vaccinations will be offered in January at the Crawford County Health Department (on Meadows Drive in Grayling) for those still in need of protection from influenza and pneumonia. No appointment is necessary. Clinic date is Friday, January 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Health Department will bill Medicare and Medicaid for those covered. Otherwise, the cost of the flu vaccine is \$10 and \$16 for pneumonia vaccine. For more information, call the Health Department at 348-7800.

## Reminder: Postal rates increase Jan. 7

Postage on First Class letters of one ounce or less will increase from 33 cents to 34 cents on January 7. One-cent stamps and new 34-cent stamps are available at the Grayling Post Office.

## Meeting to cover NEMCOG work force plan

Statewide initiative "Building Strategic Partnerships for Career Development" will be discussed at a series of town meetings in the eight-county NEMCOG area. Locally, a meeting will be held Tuesday, January 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Gaylord at B.J.'s Restaurant. If possible reservations should be made by January 5 to Carrie Johnson at NEMCOG, (517) 732-3551, ext. 18. The initial "Environmental Scan" for the region and a "Career Development Report Card" (answering "where are we now?") will be presented. NEMCOG encourages attendance as comments and input from communities and businesses is vital to the initiative's success. To receive a copy of the Summary Newsletter covering town meeting topics, call Mary Campbell at M.C. Planning & Design, at (231) 582-6504 or via e-mail at mcamp@freeway.net.

## Cancer Support Group available through Grayling Mercy Hospital

GRAYLING - "I was so glad to know that a support and education program for those who have had to face a diagnosis of cancer was offered in our community," stated Donna Renaud, a participant in Mercy's new program for cancer patients and their families. "This is a structured program designed to help us learn what we could do to help ourselves through attitude, holistic therapies, and through the support of each other. It used to be that when you heard the word cancer, you thought of death and that's not how it is anymore. Recovery is possible and programs such as Mercy's help you realize that hope is a reality. It is wonderful that this program is going to continue on an ongoing basis."

"Support and education are part of healing and hope for those who are facing or have faced a diagnosis of cancer," stated Sister Jean Umlor, RSM, RN in September as she was beginning an original four part series

dealing with cancer support. The community must have agreed and through their encouragement and support, the program is continuing beyond the four part series and will be offered on the third Monday of each month, from 6:30-8:00p.m. in the Crawford Room of Mercy Hospital Grayling.

Sister Jean and Sharon Klinger will co-facilitate the group and will offer guest speakers each month.

"Cancer is a diagnosis that promotes anguish, confusion and feelings of despair - we want to provide an opportunity for people to get good information, share experiences and be uplifted by the support and education they will receive. We are a newly formed group that welcomes new ideas and input," said Sister Jean.

There is no cost to attend and registration is not required. If you would like more information or have questions, please call (517) 348-0428.

## Cookie dough sale a big hit

The Project Graduation's 1st Annual Cookie Dough Sale was a big hit with the community. Students sold a total of 1,059 two-pound tubs of dough to help pay for the Grayling High School Class of 2001 chaperoned all-night party following commencements.

In all, 51 GHS seniors participated in the sale. Top seller was Nate Miller who sold 147 tubs. He was awarded an electronic organizer valued at \$100. Second highest sales were accomplished by Carrie Cadeau selling 100 tubs and third highest amount sold was 97 tubs by Matt Thomas.

Because of its success, members of the Project Graduation Committee have decided to hold

another cookie dough sale same time next year.

The vendor will remain Janie's Cookie Company.

## Kiwanis Club honors Hatfield



Photo courtesy of the Grayling Kiwanis Club  
Al Johnston (left) presented the George F. Hixon Fellowship award to Harold "Bum" Hatfield (right) at a recent Kiwanis Club meeting in Grayling.

On Monday, November 6 at Shoppenagon's Inn, Harold "Bum" Hatfield was awarded with the George F. Hixon Fellowship by the Grayling Kiwanis Club.

The award is in recognition of Hatfield's long and significant commitment to the Grayling club.

A contribution of \$1,000 has been made in Hatfield's name to The Kiwanis International Foundation for the worldwide service project of eliminating iodine deficiency disorders, the world's leading cause of preventable mental retardation in children.

Each contribution of \$1,000 will touch the lives of 20,000 children.

The entire club was happy to give this award to Mr. Hatfield.

## Free or low-cost anti-depressants available

The Family Health Research Council has just published a new booklet, "Overcoming Depression and Anxiety." The booklet gives information on how and where to get free and low-cost prescription drugs to treat depression and anxiety. It also includes information on how to determine whether or not you are suffering from depression or anxiety.

Depression is one of the most common illnesses affecting 340 million people in the world today, accounting for a full 10% of productive years lost throughout the world. Depression is one of the most treatable illnesses if you know about the alternatives to paying full price for expensive medications.

"There are over 70 programs from major drug manufacturers that pro-

vide free or low-cost medication. These programs are rarely, if ever publicized," said Allen Nichols, a researcher at The Family Health Research Council. "We've included a complete listing of all the drugs that are available to treat depression and anxiety that can be obtained for free or low cost by certain qualified groups directly from the manufacturer. The patient assistance programs listed in the booklet help individuals to get the treatment they need when they cannot afford to pay for the medication themselves."

Consumers can receive a copy of the booklet by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Fulfillment Center East, Overcoming Depression and Anxiety, P.O. Box 3176, Elmira, NY 14905-3176. For additional

information, visit the Council's web site at: [www.FamilyHealthResearch.org](http://www.FamilyHealthResearch.org).

## Fitness Council plans lunch meeting to get 'northern Michigan moving'

The Fitness Council of Northern Michigan will hold a luncheon meeting from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9 at Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency at 95 Livingston Blvd. in Gaylord. Anyone interested in promoting fitness and "getting northern Michigan moving" is encouraged to attend.

The Council will be discussing plans to promote physical activity along with the initiatives of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports. Some of these initiatives are the Exemplary Physical Education Curriculum for

the schools and the Governor's Council Awards Program.

The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health, and Sports offers awards to schools for Exemplary Physical Education Programs, to work sites for outstanding employee wellness programs, and to individuals who exhibit exemplary personal commitment to health and fitness.

The deadline for submitting applications is May 1, 2001. To receive an application or for more information, contact Donna Burge, Fitness Council Coordinator, at (517) 732-6875.

## Habitat needs more volunteers

Six families in Crawford County are living in new homes because of the efforts of county residents through Habitat for Humanity. The houses located in Grayling, Frederic and Beaver Creek Townships were built by Habitat's local affiliate.

"This last year we had more volunteers than ever before, but we can always use more help," said Dave Wyman, Building Committee Chairman. "These homes would not have been possible without the cooperation of area contractors. We appreciate their participation and giving."

Many of the professionals gave the group discounts or donated materials or labor. Volunteers provided meals, computer expertise, ticket sales, and skilled and unskilled labor.

"Habitat is a ministry," said Wyman. "We are carrying out Christ's command to provide the needs of others. We encourage churches to become involved by taking on the responsibility for a por-

tion of one house."

Habitat's goal for 2001 is to make two more homes available in Crawford County. Wyman anticipates renovating one existing house and constructing another. He believes Crawford County Habitat for Humanity will reach that goal if local participation remains high. Anyone interested in working on Habitat building projects may call Wyman at 348-8568.

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## Are you Saved?

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forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." (James 1:15) We have deserved Hell, but God will give us forgiveness of sins and eternal life if we trust Jesus Christ as our savior. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom 6:23). Salvation is a God's love gift to you if you will receive it. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom 5:8) Jesus Christ as our savior became our substitute. He lived a righteous life for us, died for our sins, and arose to give us eternal life. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (2 Cor 5:21) "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." (1 Pet. 2:24). What work must we do to be saved? "Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." (John 6:28,29) We have God's

promise: "12But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:" (John 1:12) How do we receive Him? "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Rom 10:9,10) "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Jesus will forgive your sins and save you today. "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. (1 John 5:12,13)

Pastor "B" We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

## Dr. Steve Sonntag and family to perform

Stop the World for an evening and come away with Dr. Steve and family for a trip into a fascinating world of stories told in visual and musical artistry. Dr. Steve, a songwriter for 20 years, draws on his experiences as a world traveler, climber, caver, mountain-rescue paramedic, physician, missionary and father of four to weave stories into songs that will inspire you, and make you laugh.

A guitar player since the age of eight, Dr. Steve has fans all over the Rocky Mountain West. His musical style is sometimes described as a cross between John Denver, Gordon Lightfoot and Jim Croce. He is joined in concert by his wife, vocalist and flute player Abbey Sonntag. Dr. Steve is from Houghton Lake.

Employed at MidMichigan Health Park for the past year and a half, Sonntag earned his medical degree from the University of New Mexico. He has traveled to Honduras to per-

form service work, was a missionary in Hong Kong, has experience in search and rescue and was a paramedic.

This will be the first in a new program at Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts. The Kirtland Center will be giving local Michigan artists the opportunity to showcase their talents on the stage at the Gilbert I. Stewart Auditorium. Dr. Steve Sonntag and family will be the first artist to be featured in this new program.

## Kirtland Ms Club holds annual drawing

On December 2, 2000 the Kirtland Ms Club held its annual raffle during the intermission of the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts' Riders in the Sky performance. Proceeds from the raffle benefit Kirtland students who are given limited emergency loans and grants which help them stay in school.

Winifred Matheson of Roscommon won the main prize, a queen-sized, handstitched heirloom Amish quilt. Hyeok Hwang of Grayling, won a large clay bowl created by Kirtland ceramics instructor Mike Waters.

The Mikenauk Rock and Gem Club of Roscommon donated sever-

The Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts will be looking for other Michigan talent that would like to have the opportunity to showcase on the Kirtland Stage. For more information regarding this new program, contact the Director of the Kirtland Center at (517) 275-5000 ext. 311

Ticket prices for the show will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for students. For more information contact the Kirtland Ticket Office at (517) 275-6777, weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

al handcrafted items, a faceted spinel necklace won by Helen Nelson of St. Helen, a shell pendant won by Dale Shantz, director of human resources at Kirtland, a tiger eye child's ring won by Judy Renaldi of Lewiston, and a pudding stone clock won by Elizabeth DeLisle of Houghton Lake.

Helen Singer of Luzerne and Deb Schaefer of Houghton Lake both won two tickets for a performance at Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts.

Donations to the Kirtland Ms Club can be made anytime. Donors may contact Betty Ehinger at 517-275-5000, extension 252.

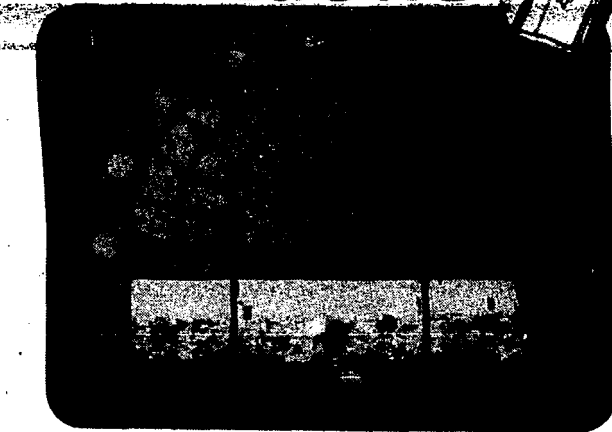
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So many windows, so many people with problems without solutions. Each window represents a path...often an uphill climb for the human soul. Every day we cry for meaning as one day blends into the next in a blur of confusion.

It is the Sabbath. We see another building. So many windows, so many people...also with problems, but they have found a solution. That solution is God. In these days of harsh reality God is the ideal that gives comfort and meaning to our souls and His House is the sanctuary where we find strength for our daily climb through life.

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## So Many Windows



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Zephaniah 3:1-13	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Luke 1:1-25	Luke 1:26-38	Luke 1:39-56	Luke 1:57-66	Luke 1:67-80

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Scripture Study (Sundays).....9:15 am  
Daily Masses .....9:30 am  
Wednesday & Fridays .....8:30 am

### First Baptist Church of Frederic

Pastor Dale Hammond  
Sunday School .....9:45 am  
Morning Worship .....11 am  
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Sunday Evening .....6 pm

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Mid-Week Bible Study .....7 pm

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Sunday School .....9 am  
Sunday Service .....10 am

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Worship .....10 am & 7 pm  
Wed. Prayer Service .....7 pm

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Evening Service .....6 pm  
Wednesday Service .....7 pm

### Harvest Time Church of God

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Sunday School .....10 am  
Worship Service .....11 am & 6 pm  
Family Training Hour and Prayer  
Wednesday .....7 pm

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Sunday Service &  
Children's Church .....11 am

Sunday Evening Service .....6 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting .....7 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study .....7 pm  
Thursday Discipleship Class .....7 pm  
Significant Singles Monday .....7 pm

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Parsonage 348-2588

Sunday School .....9:30 am  
Morning Worship .....10:30 am  
Evening Service .....6 pm  
Wednesday - Family Night  
Adult-Youth-Children .....7 pm

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Sacrament .....10 am  
Sunday School .....11 am  
Primary .....11 am  
Priesthood .....12 noon  
Relief Society .....12 noon

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Sunday Worship .....11 am  
Adult and Youth  
Sunday School .....9:30 am

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Morning Worship .....11 am  
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### St. John Lutheran (ELCA)

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Sunday Worship .....10:30 am  
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# OMH makes top 100 in Nation for second consecutive year

**GAYLORD** - For the second consecutive year, Otsego Memorial Hospital has earned recognition as one of the Top 100 Hospitals in the Nation, according to HCIA-Sachs.

Medicare cost data from more than 3,000 hospitals is evaluated by HCIA-Sachs based on criteria measuring both quality of care and cost control.

The study is based solely on objective, quantitative performance data that are consistent and complete across all hospitals in the country.

"We are one of only 20 small hospitals in the country to have met the HCIA standards," said Thomas R. Lemon, Chief Executive Officer at Otsego Memorial Hospital. "To have achieved this recognition for the second consecutive year is a credit to everyone affiliated with the organization. Like hospitals nationwide, we are facing the challenges of higher costs and reduced reimbursements. This recognition shows that our hard work to contain costs while providing top quality care to our

patients is working."

"This year's study reflects the financial distress hospitals have encountered in the wake of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997," said Jean Chenoweth, executive director of the HCIA-Sachs Institute.

"Despite the difficulties facing them, the 100 top benchmark hospitals have maintained profitability and top clinical performance. This year's 100 top hospitals study truly highlights those institutions with superior management teams who can perform well under very adverse conditions while providing high-quality care to their communities on a consistent basis."

Otsego Memorial Hospital is one of 1,322 hospitals in the small hospital category evaluated, and one of only 20 in the category to achieve this award. Small hospitals are those with 25-99 acute care beds.

The remaining 80 hospitals earning Top 100 recognition are in four other categories: Medium hospitals (100-249 acute care beds), large

community hospitals (250 or more acute care beds), teaching hospitals (250 or more beds), and major teaching hospitals (400 or more beds).

Highlights of the study's findings include:

- The 100 Top benchmark hospitals were found to have fewer complications and inpatient deaths than other hospitals. Quality of care as measured by mortality and complications indices was an average of 14 percent better at the 100 Top benchmark hospitals.

- Despite an increasingly acute patient population, use of more expensive services, and lower Medicare reimbursement rates paid to all hospitals under the Balanced Budget Act, benchmark hospitals exhibited more than three times the profitability of all other hospitals studied.

- The study revealed a regional disparity in performance, most notably in the number of top hospitals in the South (37) versus the Northeast (15). However, the num-

ber of top hospitals in the Northeast increased by the highest percentage of any region, nearly doubling since last year's study. The results show there is variability in the levels of hospital performance caused by competition, managed care and regulation.

- Benchmark hospitals also paid higher wages but employed fewer staff than peer hospitals.

- Benchmark hospitals had a Median Total Profit Margin of 8.71 percent and a median Cash Flow Margin of 16.44 percent, compared with only 1.88 percent and 9.69 percent respectively for peer hospitals. These findings are the weakest since the study was first conducted in 1993.

Study excerpts will be made available at, [www.100TopHospitals.com](http://www.100TopHospitals.com).

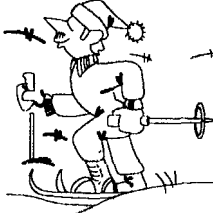
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## Income tax programs for timber offered for forest landowners

Have you sold timber from your woodland within the last tax year? Or are you considering having a timber harvest in the year 2001? Then an upcoming series of income tax programs sponsored by MSU Extension Service and the MSUE Forestry AOE Team may be of interest.

Entitled "Tax Treatment of Income from Timber Sales on Privately Owned Forestland", the purpose of these programs are to help landowners minimize federal income tax paid on timber sale revenue. In addition, other information that is useful in filing federal income taxes will also be presented at these programs.

Any interested landowners, tax preparers and others are invited to attend.

Two sessions of these tax pro-

grams will be offered in the northern Lower Peninsula. The first session will be held on Tuesday evening, January 23, 2001 at MDNR Carl T. Johnson Hunting & Fishing Center, M-115, in Cadillac.

The program will run from 7:00 to 9:30 PM. The same program will also be repeated on Wednesday evening, January 24, 2001 at the Oscoda County MSU Extension office, 202 South Court St., in Mio.

The program will also run from 7:00 to 9:30 PM. The cost to attend the program is \$10.00 per person (or family). This fee covers the cost of the handout materials, facility use and refreshments. The deadline for registration for BOTH programs is Thursday, January 18, 2001 (fees payable at the door).

"Over the last 10 years, the value

of high quality hardwoods tree species has risen dramatically," states Russell Kidd, a forester with MSU Extension. "As a result, when a landowner sells his or her timber in today's markets, they can receive a significant amount of income over and above their wages that may create a large income tax liability. Many landowners just haven't planned ahead to offset the additional income tax that the reporting of timber sale revenue can generate," says Kidd.

According to Kidd, forest landowners can take advantage of certain income tax provisions such as long-term capital gains and depletion allowance that can help minimize the income tax owed in reporting timber sale revenue. "However, a landowner needs to structure themselves

properly on paper to take advantage of some of these provisions," says Kidd. "For example, a landowner needs to first establish their basis or cost of their timber in order to use the depletion allowance."

The program will be conducted by Dr. Karen Potter-Witter, Extension Specialist from the Dept. of Forestry at Michigan State University and by Russell Kidd, District Extension Forester with MSU Extension at Roscommon. Both of these instructors have experience with federal IRS timber taxation regulations and have taught similar programs in the past.

For further information or to register for this program, contact either your local MSU Extension Service office at 517-344-3264 or MSU Extension in Roscommon at 517-275-4670.

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# Animal rights advocates mourn mourning dove's fate

by Arvind Diddi  
Capital News Service

LANSING- Michigan's 95-year ban on hunting mourning doves may soon be revoked now that the House has approved hunting these small game birds.

After several failed attempts to change the status of mourning doves to a game species, Michigan is likely to join 39 states where hunting them is legal.

Sponsor Rep. Susan Tabor, R-Delta Township, and supporters say dove hunting will improve recreational opportunity and allow hunters to target a challenging prey.

Speaker Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo, applauded House passage of the measure. On Thursday, the bill passed a Senate committee on a 3-to-2 vote and will go to the Senate floor next week.

If the bill also passes the full Senate it will go to Gov. John Engler. If he signs it, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) would need to carry it out.

"If dove hunting is eventually approved by the DNR, the sport would appeal to a whole new group of people such as older residents and hunters with disabilities," Perricone said.

"This is great news for hunting enthusiasts across the state, especially to those learning the sport," he said.

An estimated 4 million mourning doves migrate from Michigan each fall. About 40,000 Michigan hunters would kill about 200,000 doves during the proposed hunting season, the DNR estimates.

Amanda Hathaway of Michigan United Conservation Clubs said the mourning dove is a federally recognized migratory bird and that her

organization has sought to legalize hunting them since 1972.

Advocates said scientific study shows that the state's mourning dove population will not be affected by hunting. These birds live throughout the state, Hathaway said.

But Doris Dixon, Michigan coordinator of the Fund for Animals, decried the legislation. "Sudden emergence of the bill during the lame-duck session and in the busy holiday season is an attempt by the hunters' lobby to escape public scrutiny. Many people are not even aware of such a thing happening," she said.

Dixon said dove hunting is inhumane: Statistics show that 20 to 30 percent of those shot are wounded and not retrieved. Moreover, the birds are so small that they yield only a tiny morsel of meat.

"Dove hunting amounts to nothing more than mere target practice for hunters," Dixon said.

Nancy Gunnigle of the Michigan Humane Society said, "Most Michiganders do not like the idea of shooting mourning doves, because they consider it as songbird. These gentle birds have remained the universal symbol of peace. Only a minority of hunters want to shoot doves."

Critics of the proposal say there are already plenty of other game bird species that are legal to shoot. They say the birds pose no threat to agricultural crops and emphasize that hunters often mistake federally protected birds, such as the American kestrel and sharp-shinned hawk for doves.

On the other hand, Tom Huggler, former president of the Outdoor Writers Association of America, said it's unfortunate that millions of mourning doves are found in Michigan but cannot be hunted here.

"We don't have to build a game farm to raise doves. We don't have to hire law enforcement officers or pass new laws. Everything is already in place for dove hunting to occur," said Huggler, who lives in Sunfield, west of Lansing.

"The new participants will include younger and older hunters who may not have the financial

means or abilities to participate in more expensive or physically challenging activities like duck, deer or even grouse or pheasant hunting.

"He also said Michigan voters have empowered the Legislature to manage national resources through scientific methods. "No wildlife species is a better candidate for scientific game management than the mourning dove. There is no reason other than emotional or political pleas to deny Michiganders this opportunity," Huggler said.

According to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, which manages the migratory dove, 90 percent don't live to see their first birthdays, and this high mortality rate is why doves mate often and regularly. A pair of doves may rear several broods of offspring during the long breeding season, which begins as early as March and lasts until late summer.

Hunters take doves that would die anyway, Huggler said. "If we ever get a season in Michigan, it would begin in September and ideal time to take youngsters afield and introduce them to the shooting sports."

# Miller says Repeat Offender laws working

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller announced recently that more than 18,000 license plates of dangerous drivers have been confiscated in one year under the Repeat Offender laws thanks to the committed partnership of law enforcement, courts, prosecutors and the Department of State.

Secretary Miller's remarks followed the one-year anniversary of the Repeat Offender laws Oct. 1. Calling the traffic-safety initiative a significant success, Secretary Miller added that the goal is to prevent the worst drivers from having access to a vehicle.

"Individuals who drive drunk or while their license is suspended or revoked are a danger to themselves and others," Secretary Miller said. "The Repeat Offender laws were enacted to protect motorists and keep Michigan roads safe. The fact that more than 18,000 license plates have been confiscated is strong evidence the problem of repeat offenders is much greater than we first suspected."

In one-year report generated by the Department of State, figures show that, in addition to the 18,006 license plates confiscated by law enforcement, the courts ordered 4,214 vehicles immobilized and 25 vehicles forfeited, and the department ordered ignition interlocks for 2,600 vehicles.

Moreover, the driver licenses of 15,114 individuals were revoked by the department for two or more drunk driving convictions under the Repeat Offender laws. The laws now require license revocation for any combination of two or more alcohol offenses, including operating while impaired (OWI).

Effective October 1, a new Repeat Offender law makes it easier for prosecutors to obtain court order for vehicle immobilization by eliminating some procedural requirements.

Secretary Miller added the laws also provide a strong deterrent effect. She explained that anecdotal evidence from the courts, prosecutors, police and Department of State staff indicate the word is getting out that the state means business when it comes to driving drunk or on a suspended license.

"The idea that your metal license plate will be cut up at the time of your arrest and that you won't be able to register a vehicle should make many people think twice about breaking the law," Secretary Miller said.

Under Repeat Offender, license plate confiscation occurs when a motorist is arrested for drunk driving a second time or ticketed for

driving with a suspended license a third time. Drivers convicted or driving while license suspended for a fourth time are denied vehicle registration until they are released.

This past June, registration denial went into effect, affecting more than 62,000 individuals who risk losing the right to register a vehicle under the laws. As part of the implementation of registration denial, the department developed a new web site allowing auto dealers statewide to immediately check whether a customer is eligible to register a vehicle.

The credit for successful implementation of the Repeat Offender laws rests with the cooperative efforts of the courts, law enforcement, prosecutors and the Department of State. More than 5,000 judicial and law enforcement personnel received in-person training about the new laws.

The Department has also sent information, training packets, roll-call video's or other materials to 750 law enforcement agencies, numerous judges, courts, prosecutors, defense attorneys and others. Furthermore, letter warning of the laws' consequences were sent to the more than 113,000 potential repeat offenders.

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## Homeowners should protect against winter damage

Now that winter has finally arrived, Michigan homeowners should take precautions to prevent damage to their property from the cold, snow and ice.

"Snow and ice can inflict significant damage to property," Leanne Snay, Executive Director of the Insurance Information Association of Michigan (IIAM), said. "Homeowners can take some simple steps to prevent damage to their homes during these winter months."

Problems can arise when temperatures rise or when heat from within the house warms the attic causing snow on the roof to melt. The water runs down the edge, freezes and forms ice dams. Repeated melting and freezing expands the ice dam, which in turn can push water under the roof covering. Ultimately the water may find its way into the attic, walls or ceilings of the home.

Residents can minimize interior

attic heat by making sure the attic is well ventilated to the cool outside air. Eave vents and ridge vents are common ventilation methods. Some other ways to deter ice dams are to clear snow three to four feet back from the edge of the roof and clean ice out of the gutter downspout openings. This will help water coming from the roof to run off.

As snow melts, water can back up sewers and drains resulting in flooding, the insurance representative said. Snay suggests contacting a licensed plumber or contractor about ways to prevent water damage due to snow-related flooding. Plastic coatings for internal basement walls, sump pumps and other methods can prevent damage to property.

Another winter hazard is freezing or bursting water pipes. When water freezes in a pipe, it expands

and can burst, allowing water to escape and cause serious damage. It is important to keep the house heated to a minimum of 65 degrees. The temperature inside the walls where the pipes are located is substantially colder than the walls themselves. A temperature lower than 65 degrees will not keep the pipes inside the walls from freezing.

Most homeowners insurance policies cover damage caused by a wide range of winter-related disasters such as burst pipes, ice dams, wind damage and collapse caused by the weight of ice and snow. Coverage for back up of sewers and drains may also be available with the purchase of an endorsement (addition) to the policy.

It is important to remember flood damage is excluded from coverage under a homeowners insurance policy. It is, however, available through the National Flood Insurance

Program. Coverage can be obtained through most licensed property/casualty insurance agents.

If policy holders have questions about their coverage or specific losses, they should contact their insurance agent.

However, if consumers have general insurance questions or need help resolving a problem with an insurance company, they can call Michigan's Insurance Information Hotline at 1-800-777-8005. The toll-free service is operated 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Insurance consultants provide consumers with quick access to information on all types of insurance or provide assistance when they have a problem with their own insurance company.

IIAM is a non-profit, public information organization which sponsors a number of consumer information and education programs.

## Social Security benefits may be taxable

People who receive Social Security retirement benefits should be aware that they may have to pay taxes on some of their benefits if their total income is above average.

"About eight million people pay taxes on their Social Security benefits," stated Sue Soderberg, Social Security manager in Traverse City.

However, only the higher income beneficiaries - about 20 percent of the total number of beneficiaries - are included in that number, Soderberg noted.

Couples whose combined income is between \$32,000 and \$44,000 and individuals with income between \$25,000 and \$34,000 may have to pay federal income tax on up to 50 percent of their benefits. Couples whose combined income exceeds \$44,000 and individuals whose income is

more than \$34,000 may have to pay taxes on up to 85 percent of their benefits. For those whose income is below these levels, Social Security benefits are not taxed.

To figure if taxes are owed, income is defined as adjusted gross income as reported on Form 1040, plus one-half of the total Social Security benefits received for the year, plus nontaxable interest.

The taxes are due along with any other taxes that have to be paid when filing their federal tax return. Retirees may elect to have their taxes automatically withheld by completing a Form W-4.

"Be sure to check Form 1099 that you received from Social Security showing how much you received in benefits last year," Soderberg stated.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff Department handled the following 88 calls the week of December 11-17:

One outside of structure fire, two assault/intimidation/stalking, four larceny, one motor vehicle theft, one fraudulent activities, one damage to property, one public peace/disorderly, one driving violations/DWLS

etc., six health and safety (five animal control);

One conservation, two miscellaneous criminal offense, 31 traffic accidents, two false alarm activation, two accidental fires, two motor vehicle inspections, six civil matter disputes - family trouble, six suspicious situations, one natural death, 17 general non-criminal.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Crawford County Library

Second Saturday Story Hours will start at the Crawford County Library Saturday, January 13 at 11 a.m.

Stories, crafts, a film strip and time to look at books, will take about 30 minutes for the Story Hours.

No registration is necessary.

Dates for the Second Saturday Story Hours are January 13, February 10, March 10 and May 12.

For more information call the Crawford County Library at 348-9214. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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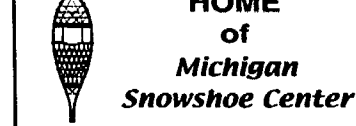
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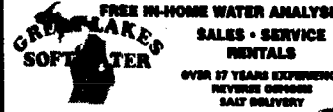
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## Fallon - Kramer united



**Dresden Marie Fallon and Scott Allen Kramer**

Dresden Marie Fallon and Scott Allen Kramer exchanged wedding vows August 5, 2000 at Cook DeWitt Chapel on the campus of Grand Valley State University with the Reverend John DeBoer officiating. Dresden is the daughter of Michael and Louella Fallon of McMillan. Scott is the son of Bruce and Sue Kramer of Kalamazoo.

Marcie Kaven of Traverse City, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were: Charlotte VanSetters of Newberry, Kerry Tumbleson of Niles, both friends of the bride and Sue Rabb of Kalamazoo, sister of the groom.

Music was provided by pianist Mary Michaels (aunt of the groom), flutist Jennifer Avendt (friend of the groom) and soloist Marcie Kaven (Dresden's sister) sang "Valentine"

with the lighting of the unity candle.

Charles Ybema of Tennessee, friend of groom was best man. Groomsmen were Jason Julien of Kalamazoo, Jeff Dykema of Holland, both friends of the groom and Bob Rabb, brother-in-law of the groom, also from Kalamazoo. Jeff Kramer and Troy McLure served as ushers.

The bride is attending the nursing program at Grand Valley State University and is employed at Spectrum Hospital. The groom is a 1998 graduate of GVSU and is currently working as a graphic designer at Image Group in Holland.

Family and friends from the Grayling area were elated in sharing this wonderful occasion with Dresden and Scott.

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## OBITUARIES

### Rev. James Taulbee

March 2, 1919 - Dec. 31, 2000  
Rev. James Earshel Taulbee, 81, died on December 31, 2000 at the Hospice Care Center in Goodrich.

Rev. Taulbee was born on March 2, 1919 in Mary, Kentucky to Edgar and Elma (Brewer) Taulbee. He married Sylvia Deaton on March 31, 1940 in White Creek, Kentucky.

Rev. Taulbee and his wife resided in Davisburg for the past year and a half after moving from Grayling. He was a World War II veteran and was wounded in France and earned the Purple Heart. He graduated from Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Illinois and was ordained in 1948 at the First Baptist Church of Clarkston. He was a Pastor of Drexel Bible Church in Illinois, First Baptist Church of Drayton Plains, and First Baptist Church in Lenoir. He was the Executive Director of the Pontiac Rescue Mission and his final ministry was in the prison and jails in Grayling. Rev. Taulbee served each week as a minister at the Crawford County Jail and chaplain at Camp Lehman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Faith, and two sisters, Elsie Mae and Christine Rotrammel.

Survivors include: his wife, Sylvia; son James (Kim) Taulbee of North Branch; daughters: Ada Kinney of Highland, Loretta (Brian) Twiest of Grand Rapids, Georgia (Marlin) Plementosh of Corunna; foster children: Bill Dawson and Chris Galic; 17 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; brothers: Raney (Doris) Taulbee of Waterford, David (Diane) Taulbee of Clarkston; sisters: Arbutus Cole of Lapeer, Geneva Deaton of Utica, Hazel (Charlie) Moore of Florida, Martha (Ralph) Smith of Weidman, and Maxine (Donald) Wallace of Lewiston; special friends Ken and Doris Rush; special caregivers Dan and Margie Kinney and Monica Michael.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 4, 2001, at Sherman Wilk Funeral Home in Ortonville with Pastor Robert J. Barnett officiating. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Tuesday, Jan. 2, and Wednesday, Jan. 3, from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Burial will be at the Ortonville Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Day School of the Calvary Baptist Church in Grayling.

### Mickey Sorenson

April 4, 1944 - Dec. 29, 2000  
Mickey L. Sorenson, 56, of Grayling, died at her home on December 29, 2000.

Mickey was born on April 4, 1944 in Midland to Llwyn Joseph Doremire and Nina Anastasia Lovely. She married James Sorenson on June 25, 1966 at St. John Lutheran Church in Grayling.

Mrs. Sorenson was a life-long resident of Grayling. She was a member of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, where she also served as the church secretary for seven years, and the Order of the Eastern Star. She worked at Mercy Hospital as a nurses aid and EKG technician. She fished with her husband and played in the bell choir at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by her father on January 18, 1976, and one brother, Llwyn Anthony Doremire on December 17, 1994.

Survivors include: her mother, Nina Doremire; her husband, James Sorenson; one daughter, Dawn M. Howell of Grayling; three sons: Thomas Alan Sorenson of Grayling, James L. (Cathy) Sorenson of Wilmington, Ohio, and Terry A. (Erin) Sorenson of Portsmouth, Virginia; eight grandchildren: Sara A. Howell, Betty Jean, Jessica N., Matthew J., Megan E., Terry A., Ashley J., and Jacob S. Sorenson; one great-grandchild, Jordan Nicole Gray; and one sister, Becky Sue Doremire of Grayling.

Funeral services were held on January 2, 2001 at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church with Rev. Jeffrey Jaggers officiating. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

### Sylvester Bartok

Nov. 2, 1933 - Dec. 29, 2000

Sylvester Bartok, 67, of Grayling, died at his home on December 29, 2000.

Mr. Bartok was born on November 2, 1933 to Sylvester and Lottie (Fraz) Bartok.

Sylvester moved to Grayling 24 years ago from Novi. He retired as a construction worker. He was a member of the American Legion Post #106, Grayling, and the Grayling Eagles. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean war receiving the Purple Heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include: three daughters: Kelly Bartok of Detroit, Kerry Bartok of South Lyon and Terri Bartok of Farmington Hills; four sons: Anthony (Carol) Bartok of Florida, Richard Bartok of Farmington Hills, Michael Bartok of Jackson, and Robert (Sharon) Bartok of Texas; nine grandchildren; two brothers, Fred (Betty) Antosz of Kalamazoo and Frank (Phyllis) Antosz Jr. of West Bloomfield; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Visitation was on January 1, 2001 at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

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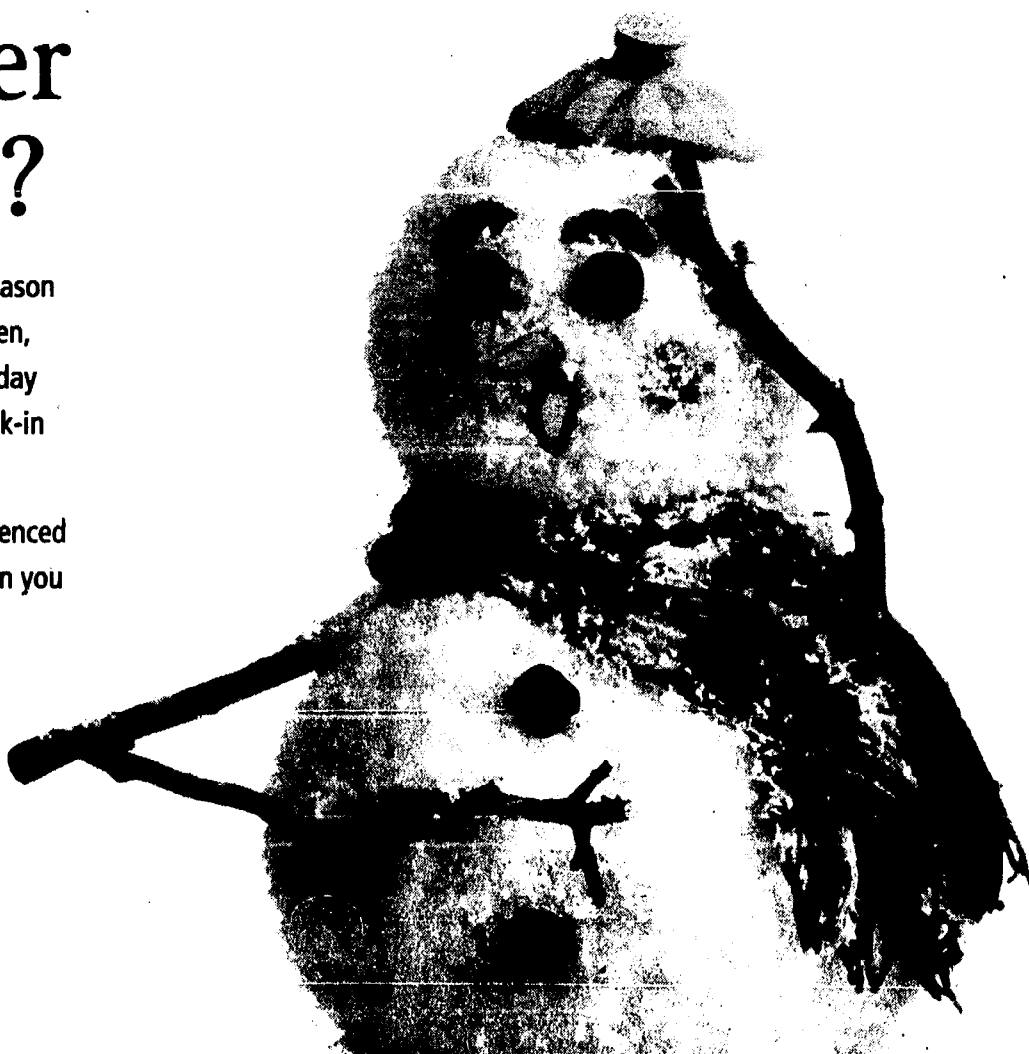
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## The way you sleep may trigger some serious health problems

A sleep disorder that is more common than most people realize may lead to several serious health problems. It's called sleep apnea and experts say that millions of Americans suffer from its effects without knowing they have the condition. Researchers say there is growing evidence showing that sleep apnea may cause hypertension, heart attack, heart arrhythmia, stroke and certain cognitive problems.

Because of this, doctors in the University of Michigan Health System encourage people with sleep apnea or those who exhibit symptoms to talk with their doctors.

Sleep apnea is a condition in which breathing temporarily stops dozens or even hundreds of times during a person's sleep. Its most notable symptoms are snoring, which is nearly always present, and excessive sleepiness during the day. The most common form of the disease is called obstructive sleep apnea, in which the upper airway in the throat becomes obstructed. Breathing stops or diminishes for periods of 10 seconds to a minute or more.

"Often the only way these episodes are relieved is by brief arousals or awakenings," says Ronald Chervin, M.D., U-M sleep expert, and assistant professor of neurology. "So, a patient who has sleep apnea will briefly arouse from sleep, open the airway, and emit a big snort or loud snore. Breathing then resumes normally until the person falls back asleep. At that point, breathing stops again, and the process can repeat itself hundreds of times in a night."

Sleep apnea is typically treated quite successfully by a method called continuous positive air pressure, or CPAP. The patient wears a mask that fits over the nose. The mask is connected by an air hose to a machine, slightly smaller than a shoebox, that is kept near the bed. The machine takes air from the room, filters it and pumps it to a higher pressure that is transmitted

through the nose to the back of the throat, literally splinting the throat open.

What causes sleep apnea? Researchers aren't sure, but it's widely accepted that it involves the structure of the airway.

"We don't have all the answers," says Chervin, "but we do have some good clues. An important factor seems to be anatomical narrowing in the airway. For example, children who have very large tonsils are at risk for having their upper airway close during sleep. In adults, excess weight sometimes affects the caliber of the airway." Chervin also says some patients have a neurological condition that causes the upper airway to collapse more readily.

People don't usually become fully awake during these brief arousals and they rarely remember any of the episodes. Patients may arouse a couple hundred times a night for several years or even decades and not know they have a problem. "They may wake up unrefreshed and battle sleepiness every day. This is often the major motivating force for eventually seeking medical help," Chervin says.

While daytime sleepiness is the most common symptom of sleep apnea, there is growing evidence, Chervin says, that it may lead to more serious concerns. "There's excellent evidence now that sleep apnea is likely to be one cause of hypertension." He says recent studies in *The New England Journal of Medicine* and in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* present new, stronger evidence for a cause and effect relationship between sleep apnea and hypertension.

Experts aren't sure why sleep apnea causes high blood pressure. They do know that blood pressure can increase dramatically at the end of each apnea episode - while in normal sleep, blood pressure typically goes down. Chervin says the repeated elevations in blood pressure during the night may impact levels throughout the day for apnea suffer-

### Facts about sleep apnea

- Sleep apnea is a condition in which breathing temporarily stops dozens or even hundreds of times during a night's sleep.

- It's estimated that as many as 4 percent of middle-aged men and 2 percent of middle-aged women have sleep apnea and consequent excessive daytime sleepiness.

- Sleep apnea goes undiagnosed in the vast majority of people - as much as 90 percent for women and 80 percent for men.

- Some of the most common symptoms of sleep apnea are loud snoring, observed pauses in breathing during the night, and excessive daytime sleepiness.

had sleep-disordered breathing, including the most popularly recognized form - sleep apnea. Their results are published in the journal *Neurology*.

Chervin says there's growing evidence that sleep apnea is children - while not as common as in adults - is not as rare as previously thought. Interestingly enough, sleep apnea appears to affect children differently than adults. He says parents often complain that their kids are hyperactive and inattentive. In some cases, these children are initially diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. "Once they're at a sleep lab and sleep apnea is diagnosed and treated, some no longer qualify for a diagnosis of ADHD and some no longer need to be treated with stimulants."

Karlton Kaiser came to the Michael S. Aldrich Sleep Disorders Laboratory at the U-M when his wife became concerned. "She complained about my snoring," he says. "She told me it was like a train and it was really bothering her. As we got talking, she said I stopped breathing at night and when I went to get my air, it was a big gasp and it scared her to the point where she'd stay up and make sure I kept breathing."

Kaiser says it's very important for him to get answers and treatment. He says he's always tired on the job and when he gets home from work he just wants to sleep. "This has affected my life because of my family," he says. "I want to be able to be there for them mentally and physically. I want to be able to do the chores around the house and play with the kids and not have to go to bed so early. Right now, I go to bed super early."

For more information check the web at: U-M Health System Health Topics: Apnea - [www.med.umich.edu/1libr/topics/lungs04.htm](http://www.med.umich.edu/1libr/topics/lungs04.htm)

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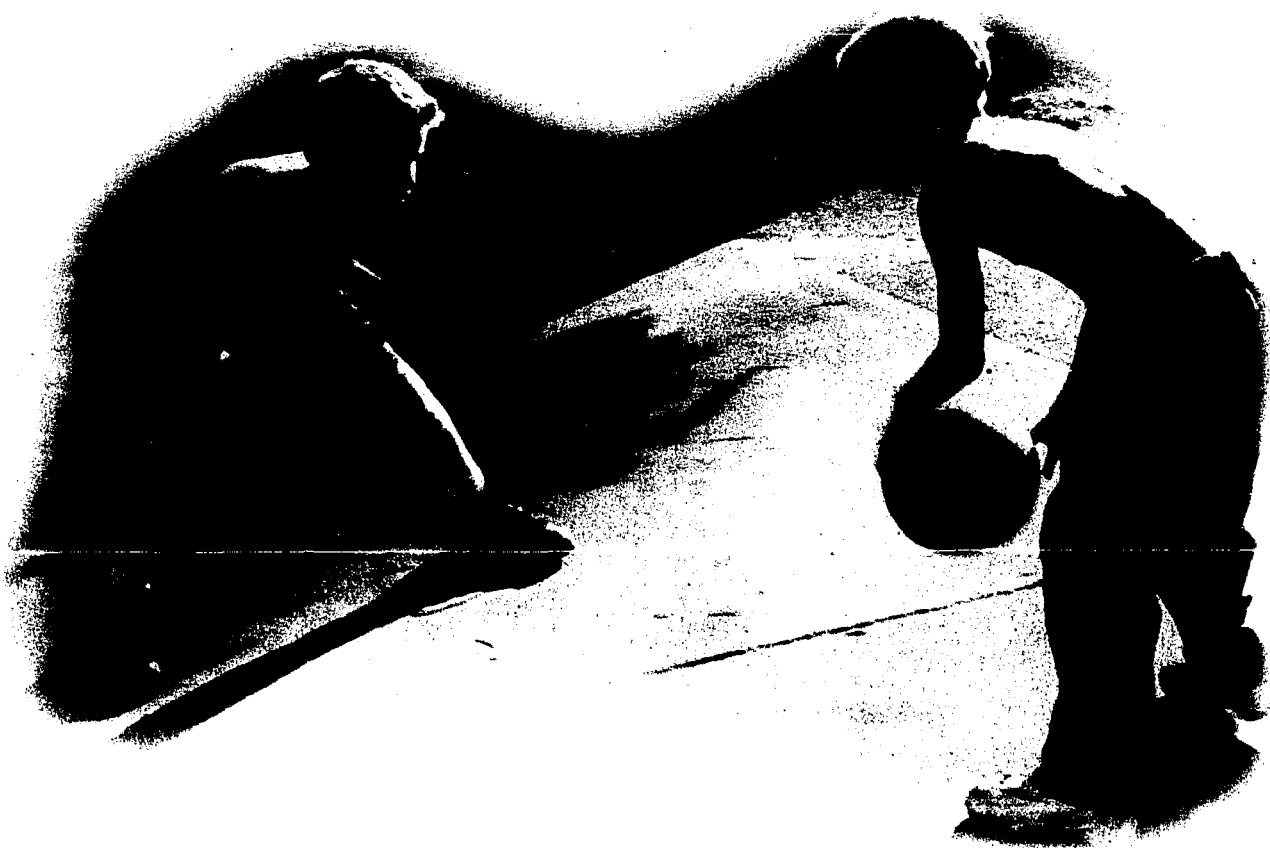
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Researchers now think that sleep apnea also can trigger significant heart problems. "We've noted for a long time that sleep apnea is associated with heart attack, irregular heartbeat, arrhythmia, heart failure and stroke," says Chervin. He notes "we're not quite at the point where we are with hypertension where we can say convincingly that sleep apnea causes these other problems, but there is strong suspicion that it does."

Another growing area of concern with sleep apnea is that it affects a person's cognitive functions like attention and short-term memory. A recent study showed that people with sleep apnea are seven times more likely to have a serious motor vehicle crash compared to people without apnea. And, another recent study compared the reaction time while driving of people with sleep apnea and those with a blood alcohol level above the legal limit for driving a motor vehicle. They found that people with apnea actually had slightly worse reaction time than those impaired by alcohol.

Chervin and his U-M colleagues have just completed a clinical study showing that 80 percent of the cluster headache patients they studied

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# 2000 Year in Review

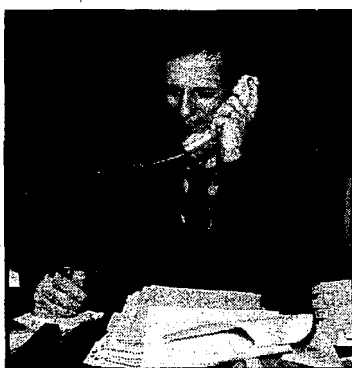
► The following is a partial list of events that occurred in Crawford County during the year 2000, as recorded in *The Crawford County Avalanche*.

► Note: Year in Review items are listed according to the month they appeared in *The Avalanche*, not necessarily the month in which they occurred.

## January

- Even with possible year 2000 computer problems lurking in the wings and the memory of New Year's Eve 1998 still lingering, the 1999-2000 holiday weekend caused little more than yawns.
- As part of Frederic Township's continuing "blight control" effort, the township board passed five new "regulatory ordinances" at its December meeting. The ordinances deal with "dangerous structures," "nuisances," "inoperable motor vehicles," "junkyard licensing," and "parcel division."
- The Michigan Department of Transportation has a major construction project planned for a section of US-27 this year: resurfacing almost 10 miles of the roadway starting in the spring. The section of US-27 runs from South Higgins Lake Road north to I-75.
- Over three months after the retirement of long-time Grayling City Manager Jerry Morford, the city council made the decision to hire former District 105 State Representative Allen Lowe from a pool of seven candidates.
- The GHS varsity volleyball team

- won its second tournament of the year last Saturday, defeating St. Ignace, Inland Lakes, Harbor Springs, Gaylord and Sault Ste. Marie to win the Petoskey Invitational tourney.
- After about 17 1/2 hours in executive session, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners came to a unanimous decision to remove Road Commission for Crawford County Board members Raymond Swiercz and Robert Nelson from their positions.
- Betty Bennett was chosen as Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce.
- The City of Grayling's office operations and police department are preparing to move out of City Hall, allowing the State Police to occupy the entire building. The State Police have leased space in the building for over 20 years, beginning on January 1, 1979. The MSP crime lab serves law enforcement entities from all over northern Michigan. There will be \$120,000 in building renovations which will be paid back to the city over the course of the 10-year lease.
- Bomb threats were made January



**Allen Lowe,**  
new City Manager  
1/13/2000 edition

- 6 in Grayling High School, apparently to get a day off of school when other districts were closed due to poor weather conditions. Another bomb threat was found on the bathroom wall at Grayling Middle School January 17.
- The Crawford County Board of Commissioners recently approved and signed a 99-year lease of approximately five acres of land behind the county fairground for the purpose of building a new Animal Shelter.

## March

- Eliminating overhead power lines, creating better lawns and greenery, planting flowers, improving signage in town -- these are just a few of the improvements that could be brought about by a proposed streetscape project currently in the works.
- Monique Fagan, Junior Miss for Grayling realized the grief holding the title can bring after discovering two windows of her car were broken out while parked at Grayling High School. When questioned she said she has experienced harassment from other contestants since the competition.
- GHS varsity girls volleyball coach Brian Banda now has orange blonde hair. He told his team back in November if they won the District title this season he would let them dye his hair. On Saturday, the Vikings won the District Tournament championship with six straight victories, defeating Roscommon, West Branch and Harrison 2-0 in best-of-three sets.
- A Flint couple was arrested after making the Grayling K-Mart their latest victim. Douglas and Carol Short stole merchandise worth

- \$3,070 from K-Mart and merchandise worth \$438 from Glen's.
- Sheriff David Lovely has released very little information regarding the March 8 hanging death of John Schreiber on the advice of his department's attorney. He was found dead 45 minutes after being placed in a holding cell.
- Felicia Phillips, 14, of Grayling, was named as one of the "Teen Outstanding Dancers" at the New York City Dance Alliance Workshop award.
- Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies were called to the Grayling Middle School on March 10 to investigate possible abuse by students of the prescription drug Ritalin. Three of the seven questioned were expelled from school for 30 days because of their involvement in the distribution of the drug to other students.
- Opinions regarding a potential four-way interchange project at North Down River Road continue to differ. The price tag for all of it is \$2.6 million. A committee was set up to study the traffic flow and related issues.
- The Crawford County Library

- Board of Directors presented their idea of what a new library should look like. The expected cost is in the vicinity of \$1.3 to \$1.5 million but a possible donation of \$500,000 has allowed the board to ask for a lower bond.
- At District Band Festival last month, the Grayling High School band received straight "T's," the highest rating possible, qualifying them to play at State. The Grayling Middle School 8th grade band also received straight "T's" and qualified for state competition.
- Twenty-eight GHS events earned ratings of "T" at the District Band Solo/Ensemble festival.
- Grayling High School senior Marianne Vollmer took first place at the Michigan Girls Wrestling State Championship tournament. The win qualified Vollmer for the Nationals, at which she took second.
- Amie Price, a senior at Grayling High School, received a belt buckle March 18 honoring her for First Overall in the Youth Division of a National Barrel Horse Association. Price also received an invitation to compete in the World Championship in Jackson, Mississippi.

## May

- The Crawford County Board of Commissioners were recently given a review of an audit performed on the county's finances for fiscal year 1999. Anderson, Tackman & Company, P.L.C., delivered the news - the county's finances are the best seen in years.
- On April 12, Forest Dunes L.L.C., the original developer of Forest Dunes Golf and Country Club, and lender, Carpenters Pension Trust Fund - Detroit and Vicinity, mutually agreed to place the development in court-ordered receivership. One million dollars has been provided by Forest Dunes L.L.C. to fund the development for the next 90 days.
- Equipment failure at a substation in Lewistown caused outages for an estimated 6,400 Great Lakes Energy customers in eastern Crawford and Otsego Counties on April 25.
- The Grayling High School power lifting team finished its '99-00 season

- by placing 2nd out of 14 teams at the U.P. State Tournament in Newberry last month.
- Grayling High School named Scott Cousineau to the position of GHS Head Football Coach.
- Mike Wieland, Grayling High School's ski team coach, placed third in his age division in the Nastar ski championship event held April 8-9 in Beaver Creek, Colorado.
- Saturday, May 6 proved to be a busy day for firefighters. Two fires broke out, one near the North Branch of the AuSable River in Lovells Township and the other south of M-72 West near the Manistee River.
- Jim Miller of Mikado launched his life-long dream at Ray's Canoe Livery Monday, May 8. He built a birch canoe - the skeleton is made of hand-carved cedar. The outside consists of birch bark, with parts sewn together with spruce roots. Seams were sealed using a tar-like mixture



**Fred Wolcott**  
Appreciation Day  
5/25/2000 edition

- of boiled pine sap and deer fat.
- Frederic Township's current system of roadside trash service was ordered to cease apparently due to improper transportation of solid waste, following an order from DNR Conservation Officer Mark Lutz.
- Grayling High School's varsity baseball team swept a doubleheader against Saginaw Valley Lutheran winning two games on "Fred Wolcott Appreciation Day."

## February

- Monique Fagan was named Grayling's Junior Miss 2000. Jessica Abfalter was First Runner-Up, Michelle Stepp was chosen as Second Runner-Up.
- Attorneys representing former road commissioners Raymond Swiercz and Robert Nelson have filed a lawsuit against the Crawford County Board of Commissioners for wrongful dismissal from their appointed positions on the Road Commission for Crawford County.
- The Crawford County Board of Commissioners made the decision to give County Prosecutor John B. Huss a raise in return for his full-time services to the County on a one-year trial basis.
- The GHS boys ski team defeated Mt. Pleasant and Harrison last Thursday to stay unbeaten in league meets. The wins extended the league win streak to 19.
- Mike Shearer was recognized in a special presentation for his help with local sports programs.
- Maj. Gen. E. Gordon Stump, the Adjutant General of the Michigan National Guard, has announced the appointment of Colonel Dennis D. Hull as the new Commander of Camp Grayling Army and Air National

- Guard Training Site.
- The Road Commission's union-affiliated workers now have a ratified contract, following over a year of negotiations between the Road Commission Board and the workers' union representatives. The four-year contract includes retroactive pay dating back to July 1, 1998, pay raises, health, dental and longevity benefits.
- Fifty or so snowmobilers arrived in Grayling as part of a fundraiser to support Michigan Special Olympics. The Wertz Warriors, based in Mt. Clemens, will make 33 stops on the 900-mile ride to collect donations from citizens, civic organizations and businesses.
- The City of Grayling's audit report for the 1998-99 fiscal year revealed a "healthy" financial status overall, but the city's water and sewer enterprise continues to take in less than it costs to operate.
- Pat Merrill, Crawford County Environmental Monitor, brought a county-wide recycling program proposal to the County Board of Commissioners. In the proposal, the Grayling Township recycling center will take in materials from all over the county.
- Frederic Township decided to



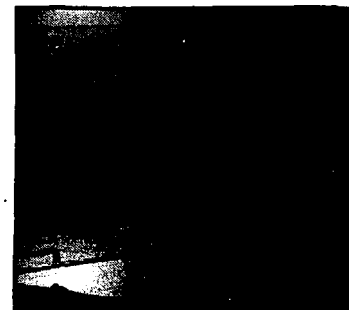
**Monique Fagan,**  
Junior Miss 2000  
2/3/2000 edition

- keep its constable for at least another four years. The Township Board agreed to investigate the possibility of putting together an ordinance giving the constable more enforcement authority.
- The Grayling Middle School 7th grade boys basketball (green) team capped a great season winning the Houghton Lake Tournament and finishing the year with a perfect 11-0 record.
- Grayling Special Olympian, Jerry Harris captured a gold and a silver medal in the Nordic skiing competition at this year's Michigan Special Olympics Winter Games.

## April

- Brian Stewart and Matt Evon were awarded Eagle scout status at a ceremony held April 9.
- Just when James Briney thought his Worker's Compensation case against the Road Commission for Crawford County was settled, all settlement offers previously made were withdrawn after an April 7 hearing. Briney was offered and agreed to a \$140,000 settlement in early March.
- Under a new growth management proposal approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, 1,850 acres of state owned lands are now available for commercial and industrial expansion in Grayling Township. The expansion includes extending the current industrial park south to Four Mile Road, although the actual placement of new businesses will begin at the southern end of the property location and work northward.
- Four improvement projects involving the Betty Sajdak Memorial

- Park in Frederic were approved by the Frederic Township Board last week.
- A new store catering to skating enthusiasts, is now open in Grayling. Boards and Beyond on Michigan Avenue offers skateboarding equipment and accessories as well as clothing.
- After Mercy Child Care closed, Julie Sajdak and her husband, Douglas decided to open their own day care business. As Wee Grow on M-72 just east of town, is licensed to care for a total of eight infants and 28 children.
- A fundraiser, held at the Grayling Restaurant, to support a new shelter for homeless dogs and cats raised over \$2,400.
- The Crawford County Board of Commissioners appointed Grayling Township resident Robert McIntosh to the Housing Commission's Board of Directors.
- Rollerbladers and skateboarders



**Hanson Hills Skate**  
Park opens  
4/27/2000 edition

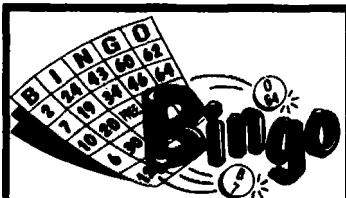
- from a variety of northern Michigan communities participated in the Hanson Hills Skate Park's official grand opening event, a large-scale competition held Saturday, April 22.
- Five GHS wrestlers qualified for Regionals by placing well at District competition: Victor CdeBaca, Andy Palmer, Matt Evon, Josh Niederer, and Chris Peters.

## June

- Road reconstruction projects on Nolan Road in Beaver Creek and Lincoln Park Boulevard in Grayling Township were agreed to by the Road Commission Board and townships.
- The Crawford County Board of Commissioners voted 6-0 to pass a resolution allowing the Crawford County Library Board to place a \$1.5 million bond proposal for a new library on the August 8 primary ballot.
- Construction of a new golf course at Skyline Ski and Country Club will be ready for golfers by summer of next year.
- Notable inclusions to the approved city budget were: a capital improvement line item for \$600,000 for construction of a new city hall, \$22,000 to purchase a new police car, and \$30,000 for park improvements.
- The Kirtland Community College Board of Trustees voted to suspend the Associates in Applied Science degrees in accounting, marketing management and hospitality.
- Grayling High School's 2000 varsity softball team won the District

- Championship, the first one ever for Grayling's girls softball program.
- A contract has been awarded to Bird's Eye Aviation Company as the Fixed Base Operator (FBO) of the Grayling Airfield. It is expected that the airfield will serve small to medium-sized aircraft including corporate jets although the runway can handle most any size aircraft because it was built for military use.
- A strip of land from the trail near the Army Airfield along the tracks over M-72, past the Crawford County Courthouse to the I-75 Business Loop has been designated as a new snowmobile trail.
- Nate Hinkle, one of Grayling High School's top athletes, won the high jump, earning a state championship, with a jump of 6'8" at the State Track Meet in Grandville.
- A fatal accident took the lives of 17-year old Anthony Jurkovich, 18-year old Krystan Bazzett and 18-year old Kurt Reitter. One passenger, Nick Kettler (17), was seriously injured.
- The Frederic Township Board voted unanimously last Tuesday to

- increase pay rates for the township's elected officials, the first raises in a few years.
- The Frederic Township Board has put the plans for a new township hall "on hold."
- A Parade of Lights from the First Annual Truck Show on June 10 went through town with horns blasting. It passed through Grayling just as high winds, torrential rains and brilliant lightning filled the sky.
- Two separate incidents of "turfing" and other damage to property at Grayling High School, in particular the football field and track, were caught on tape by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department on Saturday, June 17.
- The Crawford County Board of Commissioners drafted and passed a resolution requesting the Michigan State Legislature choose the Grayling areas as its site for the State Military Veterans Cemetery.
- Thirty-six three-person teams raised \$7,000 at the 1st annual Muscular Dystrophy Golf Outing, held at the Grayling Country Club.



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**Auxiliary #3465**  
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**Wednesday - 6:30 pm**  
**Knights of**  
**Columbus**  
 K of C Hall, 604 Norway  
 Grayling

**Friday - 6:30 pm**  
**Grayling Eagles**  
**Aerie #3465**  
 Eagles Club, 602 Huron  
 Grayling

- Project Zero, a welfare reform initiative kicks off in Crawford County. The program assists clients in moving away from the need for public assistance and toward self-sufficiency.

- The State of Michigan announced the award of \$2,063,125 in Transportation-To-Work grants to select Michigan Works! agencies. \$100,000 will be divided amongst six counties, one being Crawford.

- The Fishing Contest for young people highlighted this year's Fourth of July festivities in the Grayling City Park. Trout were planted for the event.

- Another large donation was made toward the construction of a new main library for Crawford County. \$25,000 was pledged by the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation.

- Despite rain, the 6th Annual Industrial Park Independence Day Parade was held at Air Way Automation.

- Over 65 teams have entered this year's AuSable Canoe Marathon, set for July 29. Over 50,000 fans are expected to follow the event.

- 14,591 pounds of household hazardous wastes were brought to the county building, and 30 well water samples were brought in for testing during the County's Hazardous Waste Disposal Day.

- The Grayling City Council has begun the process of rewriting the city's Zoning Ordinance. The ordinance specifies what uses will be permitted in each area of the city.

- The Crawford County Transportation Authority received a \$93,800 Rural Health Initiative Grant for the state to provide transportation to qualified people with health care needs to appropriate

health care facilities, at no cost.

- Frederic Township Board offers \$1,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of those who vandalized the Frederic Township Park.

- Hartwick Pines State Park's annual Wood Shaving Days festival was held at the park's Logging Museum. Spectators had the opportunity to view the state park's steam powered sawmill in action.

- The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board has approved a \$446,425 grant for the Grayling Fish Hatchery Restoration Project. The steering committee now must decide how the project is to proceed.

- City Council seeks input from local residents as to their opinions of where the proposed city hall should be located and the size and cost of the project.

- A \$50,000 economic develop-



**VFW Independence Day Parade**  
 7/6/2000 edition

ment-planning grant was given to Grayling Township. The grant will be used to assist with the development of a large parcel of property, known as the Industrial Park.

- Friends of the Library raised

nearly \$7,250 from their benefit dinner and silent auction, to go towards the construction of a new library.

- The annual Crawford County Fair featured a wide variety of activities for people of all ages.

## August



**Jeff Kolka, Serge Corbin win Marathon**  
 8/3/2000 edition

- Kirtland Community College broke ground in Gaylord for their M-TEC/University Center.

- Gonzorama: Grayling's Pop Rock, & Funk Music Festival, held at Hanson Hills, featured four bands, playing close to six hours of music. Over 300 people attended the event.

- Kolka and Corbin win fifth

straight AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

- The Grayling City Council voted 5-0 to build a new city hall on city property next to the old hall, located on James Street.

- AuSable River Festival 2000 took place hosting a parade, craft show, car show, skating competition, and other entertainment.

- Crawford AuSable students are back to school August 28.

- The Grayling area has been chosen as the "favored site" by those in Lansing working on the committee to establish a National Veterans Cemetery in Michigan.

- The 2000-2001 school year opens with new Grayling Elementary School principal, Angela J. Camp.

- Grayling Recreational Authority is going back to the voters to try to get a 1/4 mill passed for building repairs.

- Mandi Sinnaeve, 15, Roscommon, won the Miss Michigan American Teen Pageant, qualifying her to represent Michigan in the 2000 National American Teen Pageant.

- The 9th Annual Lovells Bridgework was held as a fundraiser for the Lovells Volunteer Fire Department. An estimated 400 people turned out and raised about \$3,000.

- The Northwoods team had a perfect season in the Grayling Recreation Authority Mens Softball

League and is headed to Battle Creek for the State Finals.

- The Crawford County Board of Commissioners thought they had their new Animal Control Ordinance in order, passed and ready for publication.... that was until a board meeting when two guests spoke to the Board concerning the breed-specific wording of certain sections of the ordinance passed in July.

- Three local highway projects are complete: Resurfacing on County Road 612, Military Road and Old 27.

- 1st Annual Anthony Jurkovich Memorial Softball Tournament took place in memory of Jurkovich, who was killed with two friends in a June 18 car accident. Money was raised during the two-day tournament for a newly-created memorial scholarship placed in his name.

- Over 69% of voters who came out for the August 8 Primary Election voted in favor of building a new library in Crawford County. Leslie Devereaux donated \$500,000 to the project.

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**1999**

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**2000**

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## September

- Architects from Sundberg and Carlson, the firm hired by the city of Grayling to design the new city hall, are expected to present a building floor plan and cost estimate for the project to the city council later this month.

- Grayling High School freshmen football team wins second straight game with a 26-0 victory at Houghton Lake.

- Independent candidate for the office of Frederic Township Constable, Aaron Blaine, has qualified to have his name on the November 7 General Election ballot.

- Brad Scheer was recently elected as President of the Grayling Rotary Club.

- Over 200 volunteers gathered at Gates AuSable Lodge on September 9, to begin the sixth annual AuSable River clean-up, sponsored by Anglers of the AuSable. The most unique item found was a message in a bottle, "Give a Hoot, Don't Pollute!"

- Frederic Elementary students were greeted by a familiar face as their new principal, Cecilia Scow, a former speech teacher, now serves as the school's head administrator.

- Grayling High School's varsity football team committed nine turnovers in a 32-0 home loss to Standish Sterling.

- Grayling Redskins scored four rushing touchdowns in 26-0 win over Onaway.

- 5th and 6th Habitat houses are now being built: one in Beaver Creek Township and one in Frederic Township.

- Deputy Tim Coe has been taken off of road patrol and reassigned to corrections at the county jail, just nine days after the August 8 Primary Election when County Sheriff David Lovely defeated the deputy by only 300 votes.

- Lovells Township purchased a new fire truck, a 4X4 with a 1,000-gallon tank built according to the



**Mickey Rooney and wife Jan Chamberlin visit Grayling**  
 9/28/2000 edition

township's specs.

- The Grayling High School soccer team moved to 4-0 in the North east Michigan Conference last week with victories over Standish Sterling and Bay City John Glenn.

- Film legend Mickey Rooney visited Grayling, providing two evening shows September 19 and 20 in the Stripe Auditorium.

- Staff, parents, children and community members are celebrating their success in keeping the Crawford AuSable Daycare open. Over the past six months they have raised over \$4,000 to give the Daycare a facelift and restructure financial policies.

- The Grayling High School varsity girls basketball team outscored Pinnconning 65-53 to place in the North East Michigan Conference 2-2, overall 3-4.

- Grayling High School golfers post 'best invitational finish in years' at Michaywe Pines. They took second place out of 13 competing teams at the Gaylord Invitational.



## October

Waters Landfill has been targeted for disposal of nuclear plant debris from Big Rock Point Restoration Project in Charlevoix.

After months of anticipation and delays, the Grayling Army Airfield, under the guise of Bird's Eye Aviation Company, is finally ready for take-off now that fuel tanks have been installed.

Over \$100 was raised when local animal lovers brought their pets to the Blessing of the Animals at St. Francis Episcopal Church. All proceeds went to the shelter, from where most of the pets in attendance were adopted.

A spill occurred at the Road Commission's brine well on Martindale Road, located off of North Down River Road in Lovells Township. Vandalism is the expected cause.

The AuSable River System Property Owners Association planted over 900 white cedar seedlings this year bringing the total to 5,000.

Grayling High JV basketball girls won 5th straight game. They defeated the Houghton Lake Bobcats and Oscoda Owls to move to 8-1.

The GHS boys and girls cross

country teams finished fourth (out of eight teams) and sixth, respectively, at the first of two North East Michigan Conference (NEMC) Jamboree meets.

In a project coordinated by Huron Pines Resource Conservation & Development Area Council, trees were airlifted by helicopter from state land to the banks of the AuSable River near Smith Bridge to provide natural cover for fish and other animals.

Thank-You Grayling Day was done in remembrance of John "Jack" Alef, the man who started it all in 1973. Alef passed away March 19, in Fort Myers, Florida.

GHS golfers broke the golf team's record for low team score at the end of September, then beat that record again this month by nine strokes in a meet at Lake City. The Vikings defeated Standish Sterling Central in a conference match-up winning 156-178.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners have approved and adopted a new animal control ordinance.

Lindsay Lokovich is Homecoming Queen 2000. King is Nick Baynam and the winner of



**Blessing of the Animals**  
10/5/2000 edition

the Spirit Cup was the Class of 2002.

Howard D. "Whitey" Madsen, 78, of Grayling, former editor, publisher and co-owner of the Crawford County Avalanche, passed away.

City of Grayling is replacing all water meters estimating that correct readings will help reduce water fund deficit.

With three hours, a pile of logs, and 1,200 feet of rope, Boy Scout

troop 979 built a 20-foot tower that helped lead them to the District Championship for the fourth straight year. They earned three first place ribbons.

The GHS soccer team finished the regular season at 8-4 in the conference to take 3rd in NEMC.

JV football team wins in double overtime to end season with a 34-32 victory over the Oscoda Owls.

## November

Crawford County has joined four others, plus four colleges, in a joint application to create a large Renaissance Zone area in northern and mid-Michigan.

Gloria Kraus was named Grayling Promotional Association's "Woman of the Year."

After receiving input from the Building & Grounds Subcommittee and the Programs Subcommittee, the Grayling Fish Hatchery Restoration Project Steering Committee voted late last month on floor plans for the hatchery's "white building." The vote on these plans allows the steering committee to move into fund-raising and grant-seeking efforts for Phase II of the restoration project.

Shawn Weatherly was rewarded for his quick actions in a potentially dangerous situation on his school bus. The bus driver left her seat to assist a choking elementary student and the bus began to roll. Shawn jumped up and set the brake.

The Grayling City Council approved a preliminary floor plan for the new city hall building with a unanimous vote. The approved size of the building consists of a 5,200-square foot ground floor, and a 3,800-square foot unfinished basement for machinery and storage.

Frederic Elementary School hosted the "Harvest Parade" to celebrate Halloween. This is the first

year that officials decided on a theme and assisted students in making and coordinating costumes.

Local hunters Bill Weaver and Dave Wyman each killed a large bull moose during a hunting trip to Alaska in September. They hunted in a "trophy-only area," where only moose with 50-inch or larger racks are legal to hunt. Both racks are about 55-inches wide.

GHS cross country runner Scott Latusek becomes 1st boy state qualifier in almost 25 years with a time of 17:37.

After 13 years of uncompensated seven-day work weeks and countless heroic deeds, Animal Shelter Director Dixie Lobsinger says she'll resign by the end of the year if the shelter board stays on.

Staff, students, veterans, soldiers, trumpeters and choir members all gathered together to make up a very honorable Veterans Day Ceremony at Grayling High School on Friday.

GHS JV girls basketball team finished with a 17-3 record after defeating the Standish Sterling Panthers at home.

City of Grayling is concerned State Police will be abandoning lease and may take their crime lab to Gaylord.

The annual Christmas Walk took place featuring a live nativity, caroling and a visit from Santa and



**Sheriff candidates meet at election forum**

11/16/2000 edition

a reindeer.

A resolution of intent to create and provide for the operation of a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for Crawford County was proposed by the Board of Commissioners and a public hearing will be held on the adoption.

The buck pole was filled with 29 bucks opening morning at Skip's Sport Shop. Forty-six deer were displayed on the buck pole in all during this year's two day Orange Coat Round-up.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner, sponsored by St. John Lutheran Church, said to be best ever. 250

dinners were delivered and 300 were in attendance at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

The snowmobile trail through Grayling was almost ready, but came up short about 300 feet due to a right-away issue at the South I-75 Business Loop.

## December

For three nights the Grayling High School Players presented their production of "42nd Street." Nearly 60 students were involved in the production of the show that was dedicated to the late Tom Brady, a Grayling High School paraprofessional who passed away just months ago.

The City of Grayling is taking a stand against the Michigan State Police moving their crime lab to Gaylord. They passed a resolution in opposition to the plan.

After the contract with North Flight expired, the County Board of Commissioners signed a contract with Mobile Medical Response out of Saginaw.

Area conservation workers and volunteers wrapped up this year's fish habitat rehabilitation effort on the North Branch of the AuSable River.

Breakfast with Santa was a highlight for the kids of the community at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

At the request of Grayling Police Chief Karl Schreiner, the City Council approved a letter of understanding on Monday allowing Schreiner to fill a recently vacated position in his department with Crawford County Corrections officer Tim Coe, a 27-year law enforcement veteran.

Animal shelter director Dixie Lobsinger has changed her mind. She has decided to stay on as the

caretaker of the county's stray and homeless pets at the shelter.

The GHS varsity basketball team opened the season with a 65-52 win over the visiting Bucks of Roscommon.

The Beaver Creek Township Board has received an initial bid on a sewer and water system that could bring a mall and possibly other industrial entities to Crawford County.

46th Circuit Trail Court Judge

Dennis F. Murphy ruled in favor of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners in a suit brought against them earlier this year by former Road Commissioners Raymond Swiercz and Robert Nelson.

A ceremony was held at Grayling Middle School in between the JV and varsity boys basketball games commemorating the gym in honor of the late Bruce Smith, a former GHS boys basketball coach.

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# FEATURES

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



### SALMON WITH VEGETABLES IN DILL SAUCE

2 pounds fresh salmon filets

Dill sauce:

2 Tablespoons melted butter

2 Tablespoons flour

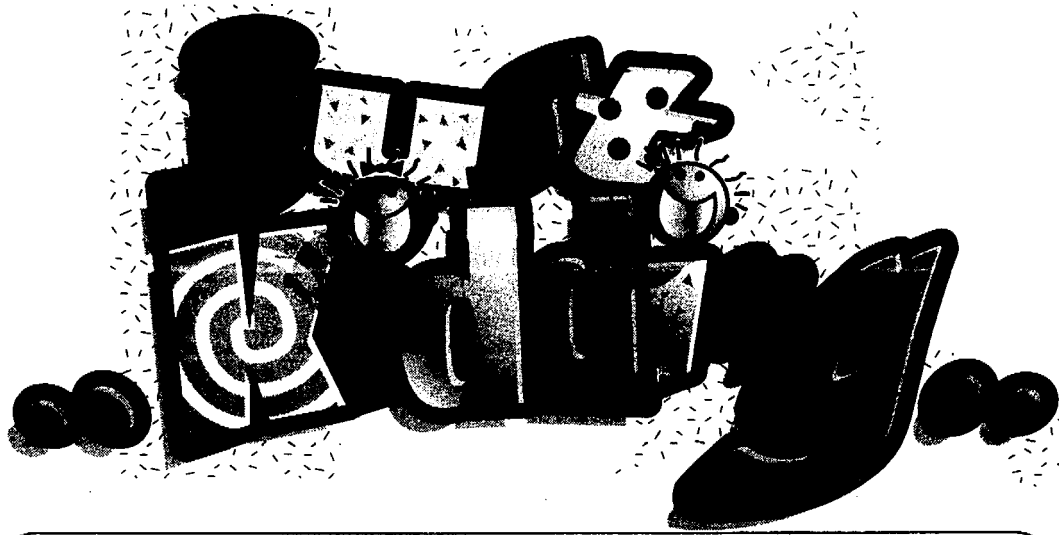
1 Cup milk

1 Tablespoon grated onion  
2 Teaspoons lemon juice  
1/4 Teaspoon dill  
1 Package (16 ounces) Baby Pea Blend

Place filets in greased 9 x 13-inch baking pan. Bake in a preheated 400 degree oven for 15 to 20 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork.

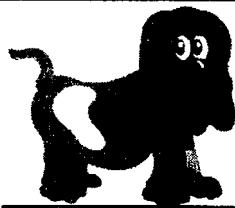
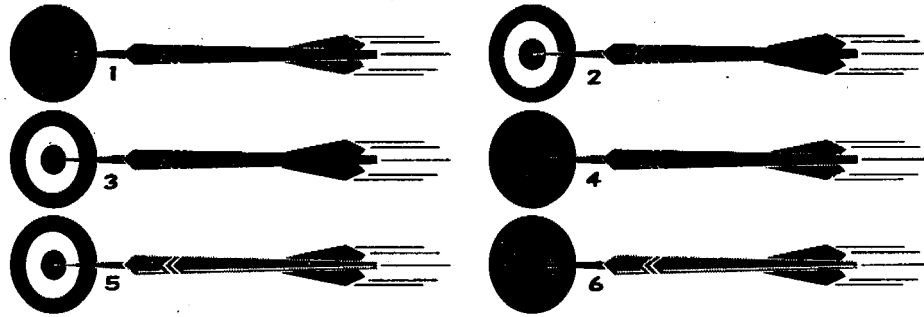
For dill sauce: In small saucepan, heat butter; add flour and whisk until smooth. Add milk, stirring constantly until mixture is thick and smooth. Stir in onion, lemon juice, dill and vegetables. Transfer salmon to large platter and top with sauce.

Makes 6 servings.



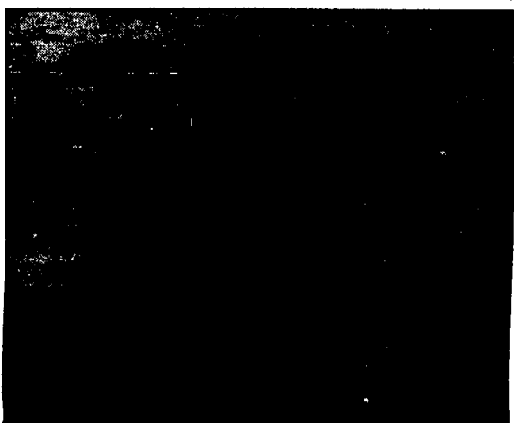
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Buddy is a male cocker mix. He is housebroken, and very friendly. Buddy is approximately 2 years old.



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## A LOOK AT OUR PAST

FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago

January 5, 1978

After 25 years of service in various law enforcement capacities in Crawford County, more recently with the Sheriff's Department, Roy Lovely has retired.

Beckoned by Michigan's "Winter Wonderland", some 250 skiers a day glide down the snowy slopes of Grayling's Ski Center, Hanson Hills; under the managerial reins of Dave Wyss, Hanson Park, officially known as Rasmus Hanson Hills Recreational Area, is literally buzzing with activity these days.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Williams visited their daughter and family, Louie and Sharon Stinson and boys in Gwinn, Dave Lovely, who is stationed in K.I. Sawyer, also spent Christmas with the Stinson's.

Mrs. Richard Lepsy, Joshua and Jacob, formerly of Millington, Tennessee, are staying with her parents for an indefinite time until her husband, who is in the Navy is reassigned. He is currently stationed in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Cpt. Chris Golnick was home on a 10-day leave from Camp LeJeune, North Carolina.

The Grayling High School Spanish classes celebrated their traditional Christmas in the customary manner on Thursday, December 22, 1977; students participated in this festive learning experience by making pinatas and singing spanish Christmas Carols.

Carl and Rose Hatfield hosted a New Year's Eve party starting with a sleigh ride in Beaver Creek and then returning to their home for the remainder of the evening, in attendance were George and Rita McEvers, Derek and Denise

McEvers, Jackie Lepsy and Nancy Cox.

A son, Richard Lee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Palmer of Grayling on December 24.

### 46 Years Ago

January 6, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence (Bud) Hunter announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Jacqueline to Richard Lepsy, son of Mrs. John Darlington and Frank Lepsy of Chicago. A July wedding is planned.

Over 800 Crawford County youngsters were entertained by the Grayling Post 106, American Legion on Thursday, December 23 at the Ninth Annual Kiddies Christmas party. For the first time, the party was held at the new Legion Hall and Bowling Alleys on US-27 south of the AuSable River. The prior eight Yuletide affairs had been held at the old Legion Hall on Peninsular Avenue.

McEvers Motor Sales advertised new 1955 Buick Special 2-door, 6-passenger sedans for \$2,247.13, delivered locally.

A & P offered 3lb. cans of "Spry" for 93 cents and 8-inch apple pies for 39 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hanna and son of Traverse City were here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lacey Stephan and family over the holidays.

### 69 Years Ago

January 7, 1932

Mr. and Mrs. George Granger of Lansing spent New Years visiting Mr. and Mrs. George L. Stephan and Mrs. Celia Granger and family. Mrs. James Reynolds and son

James and Mrs. L.J. Smock accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Green of Roscommon, motored to West Branch Sunday evening owing to the death of Charles Morris, age 22, of West Branch who was killed in an auto accident New Years day in Indiana. Charles was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris of West Branch and a student at Alma College.

The Charity Ball sponsored by The Mercy Hospital Aid Society and presented under the direction of its president, Mrs. Emil Giegling, was given for the benefit of Mercy Hospital.

### 92 Years Ago

January 7, 1909

The Herald Times of West Branch, was thirty years old last week, just in its prime, and as bright as it well can be deserving the liberal patronage it receives, and much more, which will come to it with the growth of the county.

About one o'clock Tuesday morning our people were aroused by the alarm of fire, which was bound to be in the Central Hotel - formerly known as the Commercial. The fire evidently started in the furnace room, and had gained such headway when discovered that the building was doomed. Every room in the house was occupied and Mr. Sorenson's first endeavor was to see that all were out. Mr. Sorenson had \$4,000 in the building and \$1,000 into the furniture, with loss estimated at \$8,000. The loss of the hotel is not only a loss to Mr. Sorenson, but a material loss to the town, as with that there was a lack of accommodation here for the traveling public.

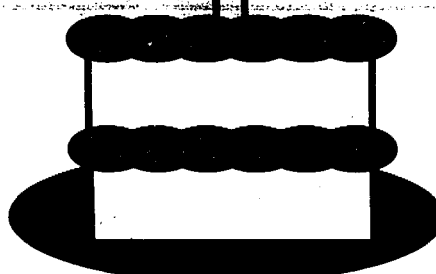
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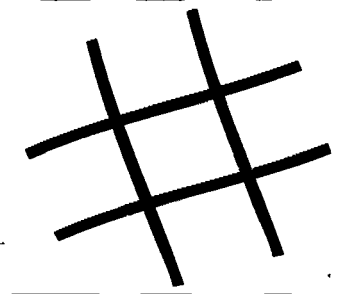


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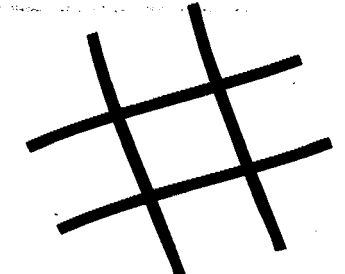


The cake has a candle.  
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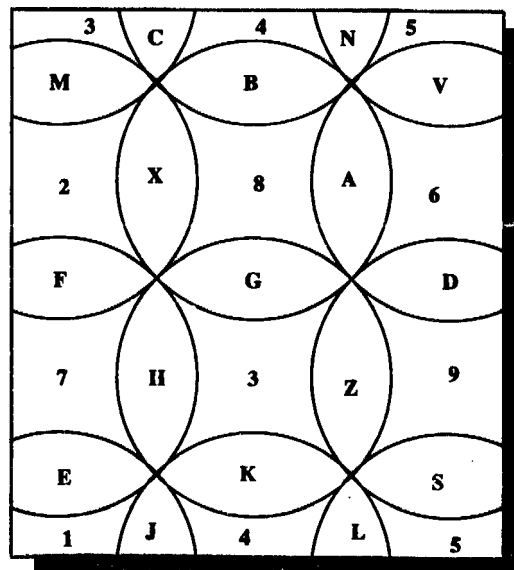
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THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	H	L	8a.m.
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1/1	21	-2	-2
1/2	18	-8	18

### Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the U.S. Excite Weather)

Wednesday- Chilly and Sunny. High 27, Low 24.

Thursday- Cool and Mainly Cloudy. High 33, Low 25.

Friday- Cool with an Overcast. Snow likely. High 27, Low 22.

Saturday- Chilly and Mainly Cloudy. Snow Showers likely. High 29, Low 18.



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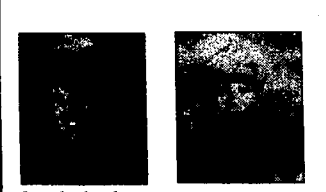
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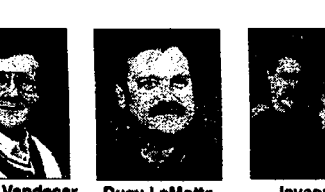
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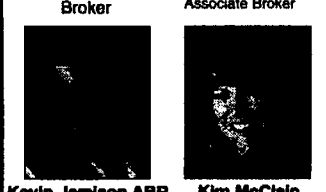
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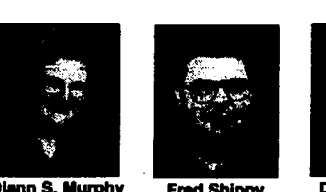
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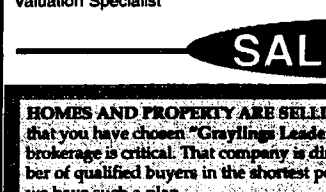
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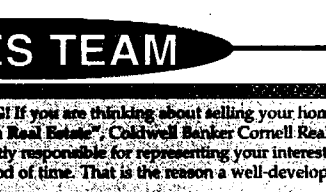
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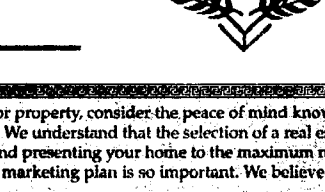
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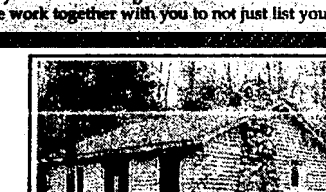
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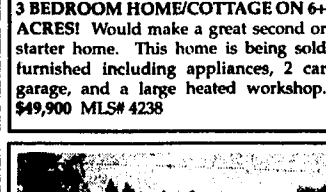


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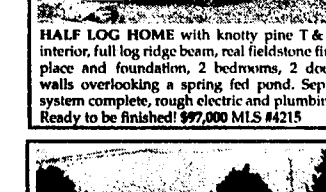
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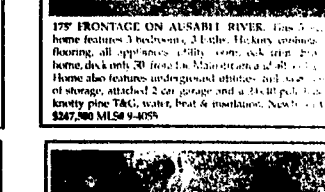
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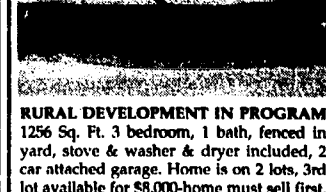
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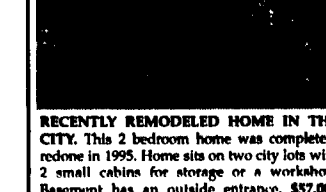
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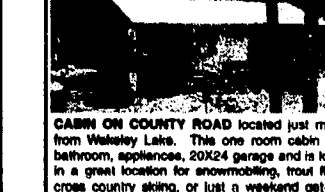
**175' FRONTAGE ON AUSABLE RIVER.** This home features 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, Hickory cabinets, flooring, all appliances, fully equipped kitchen, 2 car garage, 20 foot x 12 foot deck, and a full finished basement. Also features underground utilities and a full finished basement. \$247,900 MLS #4059



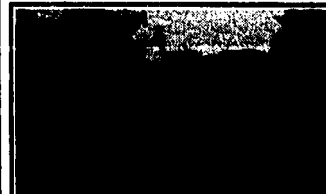
**RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN PROGRAM** 1256 Sq. Ft. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, fenced in yard, stove & washer & dryer included, 2 car attached garage. Home is on 2 lots, 3rd lot available for \$8,000-home must sell first. \$76,000 MLS #3947



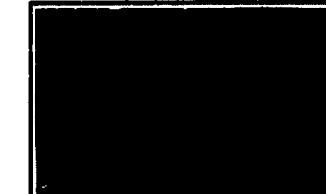
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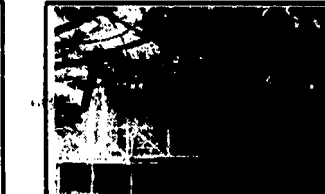
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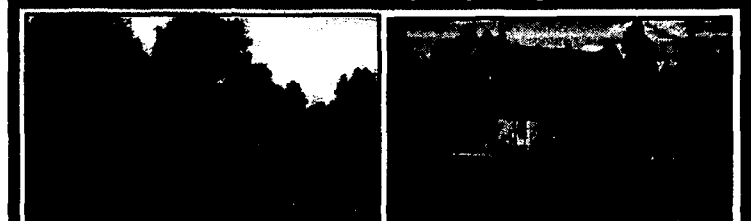
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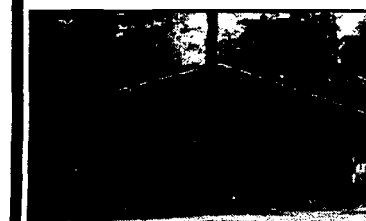
Home includes, gas fireplace, washer & dryer, 2 stoves, 2 refrigerators, dishwasher, all drywall interior with oak trim, cabinets & doors (incl. basement); extensive decking, hot tub built into deck. Property features include: 30x50 garage with pass thru doors, steel tower, landscaping, fountains, 2 rock firepits with built in benches, security lighting length of driveway, wooded perimeter, bordering state land with trails stretching for miles. Extras include: additional single garage, storage shed, 723 sq. ft. 2 bedroom cabin "next door" include stove & refrigerator. So much for so little! #4666 \$269,000 Ask for Chelle Warner!



**Uniquely designed home on 1.7 acres.** Home has 2 fireplaces, 2+ car attached garage, 12x36 additional attached pole barn, recessed 2 track lighting, ceiling fans, tongue & groove ceiling in family room, 2 stocked ponds & much more. #4693 \$129,900 Ask for Bob Pollack!



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## LEGAL ACTION

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

**THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

**MORTGAGE SALE-Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **Brian A. Shepherd married man and Colleen Shepherd his wife (original mortgagors)** to **Delta Funding Corporation**, Mortgage, dated May 25, 1999 and recorded on June 14, 1999 in Liber 483, on Page 485-496, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and re-recorded on August 2, 2000 in Liber 513, Page 627, Crawford County Records and was assigned by said mortgagee to the **Bank One Trust Company N.A. f/k/a The First National Bank of Chicago, as Trustee, in Trust for the Registered Holders of Delta Funding Home Equity Loan Asset-backed Certificates, series 1999-2, C/O Delta Funding Corporation as Servicing Agent**, Assignee by an assignment dated December 20, 1999, which was recorded on December 11, 2000, in Liber 524, on Page 453,

Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **ONE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY AND 85/100 dollars (\$10,770.85)**, including interest at 9.750% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 6/1 of each year.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the **County Building in the Grayling, Michigan** at 10:00 AM, on **February 7, 2001**.

Said premises are situated in **TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan**, and are described as:

Parcel E-2: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan. Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 12; thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes East (along the Southline of the Northeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of said Section 12) 487.0 feet; thence North 2 degrees 01 minute East (along the Westerly right of way of Old Dam Road) 708.6 feet; thence North 89 degrees 07 minutes 30 seconds West 190.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 07 minutes 30 seconds West 150 feet;

thence North 2 degrees 01 minute East 186.2 feet; thence South 89 degrees 07 minutes 30 seconds East 150 feet; thence South 2 degrees 01 minute West 186.2 feet to the point of beginning.

Together with an easement for driveway purposes over and across the North 30 feet of the following described parcel: Parcel "East-1", part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan; Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 12; thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes East (along South line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 12), 487.0 feet; thence North 2 degrees 01 minute East (along the Westerly right-of-way of Old Dam Road) 708.6 feet to the point of beginning thence North 89 degrees 07 minutes 30 seconds West 190 feet; thence North 2 degrees 01 minute East 186.2 feet; thence South 89 degrees 07 minutes 30 seconds East; 190 feet; thence South 2 degrees 01 minute West 186.2 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 28, 2000  
**FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1310**  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200010056 -28-4-11-18-25

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
The County of Crawford is requesting bids on computer hardware needed for the administration of County financial records. All bids are to be sealed and submitted to the Controller on or before January 8th, 2001, 3:00 p.m. For details and project specifications contact Paul Compo at the County Building. The Crawford County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

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**MORTGAGE SALE-Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by **Harry A. Thompson a single man (original mortgagor)** to **Citizens Bank f/k/a Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation**, Mortgage, dated July 31, 1995 and recorded on August 9, 1995 in Liber 398, on Page 126, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR AND 98/100 dollars (\$34,164.98)**, including interest at 8.250% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 9/1 and every 36 months thereafter.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the **County Building in the Grayling, Michigan** at 10:00 AM, on **February 7, 2001**.

Said premises are situated in **TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan**, and are described as: Being part of **GRAYLING PARK**, recorded in Liber 1 of plats, page 26, Crawford County records. Situated in part of Government Lot 4, Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, and in part of Government Lot 1, Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, all in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at County, Michigan, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 15, T26N R4W. Thence N00°32'00"W along the East line of the plat of OAK ACRES PARK, recorded in Liber 1 of plats, page 49, Crawford County Records 657.84 feet (recorded as 658.00 feet) to the Northeast corner of said plat; thence S87°45'22"W (recorded as S87°48'00"W along the North

line of OAK ACRES PARK and N89°14'W along the North line of GRAYLING PARK being the same line indicated as the South 1/16th line of said Section 15) 927.52 feet; thence S11°09'02"E 33.59 feet to a found 1/2" bar, being the monumented position of the Northwest corner of Block 3 of said plat of GRAYLING PARK; thence continuing S11°09'02"E along a line purported to be the East Right-of-way of North Portage Avenue 611.67 feet (recorded as S10°00'00"E 610.00 feet) to a point purported to be an angle point in the Easterly Right-of-way of North Portage Avenue; thence S38°41'06"E along a line purported to be the East Right-of-way of North Portage Avenue 19.88 feet (recorded as 25.5 feet) to a found 1/2" bar and cap purported to monument the position of the Northwest corner of Lot 13, Block 3 for a Point of Beginning; thence continuing S38°41'06"E 104.18 feet (recorded as 67.00 feet) to a found concrete monument purported to be the position of the Southeast corner of Block 3; thence N24°43'42"E along a line purported to be the Westerly Right-of-way of Poplar Avenue 114.39 feet (recorded as 106.5 feet to a set 1/2" X 18" steel bar and cap said bar set at a point purported to be an angle point in the Westerly Right-of-way of Poplar Avenue; thence S78°41'49"W along a line parallel to and 0.3+ feet South of an existing fence line purported to be the property line between Lots 12 and 13 of said Block 3, 115.20 feet (recorded as 85.00 feet) to the Point of Beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 28, 2000  
**FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1303**  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200027052 -28-4-11-18-25

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

**THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**  
Default has been made in the conditions

of a mortgage made by Theodore M. Rondeau and Cynthia A. Strong, Mortgagors, to Old Kent Bank of Gaylord, now known as Old Kent Bank, Mortgage, dated April 1, 1993, recorded on April 13, 1993 in Liber 357, Page 363, Crawford County Register of Deeds and Prime Access Notice of Increase dated November 7, 1994, recorded November 17, 1994 in Liber 386, Page 366, Crawford County Register of Deeds. By reason of such default the undersigned declared the entire unpaid amount of the debt secured by the mortgage immediately due and payable.

At the date of this notice the amount due for principal and interest and advances on the mortgage is the sum of Thirty-six Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars and Fifty-Nine Cents (\$36,934.59), including interest at the rate of 11% per annum. No suit or proceedings at law have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the applicable statutes, and to pay such amount with interest, as provided in the mortgage and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including attorneys fees allowed by law, the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public sale to the highest bidder at the Crawford County Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan on Wednesday, January 17, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. local time. The premises covered by the mortgage are situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

Lots 5 and 6, Sunset Park, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 74, Crawford County Records. Commonly known as 8564 Clough Drive, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Subject to existing highways, easements and rights of way of record. The above described premises contains less than 3 acres.

Pursuant to the Public Acts of 1971, as amended, the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, unless it is determined abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 14, 2000  
**RHOADES, MCKEE, BOER GOODRICH & TITTA**  
Mary L. Williams P40705  
Attorney for the Mortgagee  
161 Ottawa NW, Suite 600  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503  
616-235-3500 -14-21-28-4

**CITY OF GRAYLING NOTICE**  
The City of Grayling is in the process of amending its zoning ordinance. There will be a public hearing on January 22, 2001 at 7 p.m. at the Grayling Middle School located at 500 Spruce Street. The purpose of the meeting is to receive input regarding the proposed changes. Written comments will be accepted at the Grayling City Hall, P.O. Box 549, Grayling, Michigan 49738 until 4:30 P.M. January 19, 2001.  
The new ordinance is available for examination at the following locations:  
• Grayling City Hall, 5688 M-72  
• Crawford County Library, 100 South James  
• Crawford County Building Department, 200 West Michigan Ave.  
If you have questions, please contact the city office at (517) 348-2131  
December 28, 2000



**CLINICAL NURSING SUPERVISOR** Mercy Hospital Grayling is seeking a RN for a relief position as a Clinical Nursing Supervisor (these responsibilities may be combined with other duties to create a full time or part time position). Person will be responsible for handling patient care issues when Clinical Directors are not present. Current Michigan RN license (BSN preferred) and 3-5 Nursing experience. Supervisory or leadership experience preferred. We offer a competitive wages and the opportunity to enhance your professional growth by becoming a leader in a caring clinical setting. Interested persons please contact: Human Resources, Mercy Hospital Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone 517-348-0528. Fax 517-348-0485. (-4/3)

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark W. Pollen a married man (original mortgagor), to Bank One NBD Bank, mortgagor, dated March 10, 1999, and recorded on March 19, 1999 in Liber 0477, on Page 209, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FOURTEEN THOUSAND FIFTY SEVEN AND 63/100 dollars (\$14,057.63), including interest at 7.50% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 17, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3, Block 2 Brink's Park, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 33 Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 7, 2000 FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1310 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors 30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File # 20002431

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

### SALE

**THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jodon T. Gnala, a single man (original mortgagor), to Shore Mortgage, mortgagor, dated December 18, 1998 and recorded on January 7, 1999 in Liber 471, on Page 162, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Nationwide Home Mortgage Company, as assignee by an assignment dated September 1, 2000, which was recorded on September 13, 2000, in Liber 512, on Page 216, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY AND 96/100 dollars (\$76,340.96), including interest at 7.50% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 31, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The East 1/2 of East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, Town 25 North Range 3 West. Also known as Parcel H. Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale. Dated: December 21, 2000 FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1310 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors 30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File # 200026135

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steven A. Roby and Carmen L. Roby husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Old Kent Bank, mortgagor, dated April 25, 1997 and recorded on June 25, 1997 in Liber 432, on Page 286, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND 08/100 dollars (\$53,100.08), including interest at 9.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 31, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 10, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, EXCEPT 33 feet off the West side for Road purposes. AND The North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest

### FREDERIC TOWNSHIP REQUEST FOR ROADSIDE REFUSE SERVICE BIDS

The Frederic Township Board is requesting bids for roadside refuse service within Frederic Township. Bids are to be addressed to Michael Girard, Frederic Township, Refuse Bid P.O. Box 78 Frederic, MI 49733. Bids will be accepted no later than January 8, 2001. All bids will remain sealed until the January 9, 2001 regular township board meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. Bid specs. and route maps are available at the Frederic Township Office during regular office hours. 7564 County Road 612 Frederic, MI 49733 or call 517-348-8778 to have a copy mailed or faxed.

Frederic Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Sincerely, Nancy Bindschattel Township Clerk.

1/4 of Section 10, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, EXCEPT 33 feet off the West side for road purposes.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale. Dated: December 21, 2000 FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1310 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors 30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File # 200026378

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

**THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert L. Ralston, single man (original mortgagor), to Conoco Finance Servicing Corporation f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation, mortgagor, dated May 26, 1998 and recorded on May 8, 2000 in Liber 302, page 334, Crawford County

Records, Michigan, and re-recorded on September 7, 2000 in Liber 516, Page 558, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTEEN AND 83/100 dollars (\$30,913.83), including interest at 13.15% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on January 24, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 3 and 4, Block 4, Oak Hill Park, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 27, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 14, 2000 FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1310 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors 30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File #200015399

-14-21-28-4-11

### CRAWFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION 500 HURON STREET P.O. BOX 648 GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

### 2001 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE HELD AT THE ROAD COMMISSION OFFICE 10:00 AM

January 4, 2001	July 5, 2001
January 18, 2001	July 19, 2001
February 1, 2001	August 2, 2001
February 15, 2001	August 16, 2001
March 1, 2001	August 30, 2001
March 15, 2001	September 13, 2001
March 29, 2001	September 27, 2001
April 12, 2001	October 11, 2001
April 26, 2001	October 25, 2001
May 10, 2001	November 8, 2001
May 24, 2001	November 21, 2001
June 7, 2001	December 6, 2001
June 21, 2001	December 20, 2001

For: Chairman Vice-Chairman Commissioner  
Adopted:

# Checking out of the Heartburn Hotel

*New, quick procedure may be answer to chronic reflux suffering*

"It feels like someone has put a softball on fire inside your stomach and esophagus twenty-four hours a day. It's the kind of debilitating pain that makes you want to lay down and cry." That's how Nicole Booth, a Flint area resident, describes the chronic heartburn she battled for 15 years.

But now, she says, "I'm a walking miracle as far as I'm concerned." Doctors at the University of Michigan Health System recently put an end to her nonstop digestive system discomfort with a new procedure that head her out of the hospital in a few hours and off medication in a few days.

Called the Stretta procedure, the simple outpatient operation has been tested at the U-M and a few other select locations over the past several years, and was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration this April to treat chronic heartburn, also known as gastroesophageal reflux disease, or GERD. The U.S. has an estimated 14 million GERD sufferers.

The procedure uses an intense pulse of radio waves to tighten the muscle control at the point where

the esophagus, or food pipe, meets the stomach, preventing acid from traveling upward. The U-M's gastrointestinal specialists are now offering it to many of their patients whose heartburn has progressed far beyond the occasional post-dinner upset.

"As many as seven percent of Americans have daily symptoms of heartburn, or reflux, and frequently they don't respond well to over-the-counter medications and lifestyle changes," says Timothy Nostrant, M.D., a professor of gastroenterology and leader of the U-M's Stretta research and clinical program. "This procedure could work for sixty percent of those patients who have the most severe forms of the disease, which is a substantial number of people."

Nostrant and his colleagues have performed the 45-minute Stretta procedure in about 15 patients, and find that it gives partial or complete relief to nearly all. They caution, though, that those with hiatal hernias, or patients who only experience heartburn occasionally - as much as half the American population - are not candidates for the

treatment.

The Stretta procedure uses equipment made by Curon Medical, which sponsored the clinical trial that led to the recent FDA approval. While the patient is under mild anesthesia, a long tube the width of a pen, called a catheter, is fed through the mouth, down the throat and into the esophagus, stopping just at the muscular valve that separates the esophagus from the stomach.

Inside the catheter is a narrow instrument with electrodes that can emit powerful but carefully aimed radio waves. "This allows us to heat the muscles of the esophagus so that as they heat, they will have a tendency to contract and become stronger," says Nostrant.

"It doesn't strengthen the muscles, but instead produces a little bit of scarring between the esophagus and the stomach, which makes the valve a little less easy to open up and makes it less likely that the acid will come up," he continues. The patient may feel a sense of fullness in the chest or a little heat during the procedure, but not much more. The improved valve control at

the top of the stomach can make all the difference in the world for GERD sufferers, who often find themselves planning their lives around their constant acid reflux pain.

GERD arises from a combination of factors, says Nostrant. "The most important factor is that the valve, or sphincter, that separates the stomach from the esophagus is too weak to keep the acid in the stomach." Over-the-counter and prescription medications often given to GERD and heartburn sufferers aim to reduce the acid level in the stomach, not address the physical cause of the reflux.

Before being considered for the Stretta procedure, Nostrant explains, patients need to make sure that they can't bring the reflux under control with medications or lifestyle adjustments, such as avoiding caffeine, alcohol and fat, eating smaller meals, losing weight, stopping smoking, sleeping with the torso raised, and not eating within four hours of going to bed.

For Nicole Booth, who tried all that over a period of 15 years with little success, GERD was taking

**Facts about GERD, heartburn and the Stretta procedure**

- About fifty percent of Americans suffer some occasional heartburn, often after meals. This occurs when a small amount of acid travels upwards from the stomach to the esophagus, and can often be treated with a dose of an over-the-counter medication.
- About seven percent of the population has more severe and chronic heartburn, known as gastroesophageal reflux disease or GERD. Their daily symptoms can often be lessened or controlled with prescription medications and diet and lifestyle changes.
- GERD's symptoms are a burning sensation in the esophagus caused by acid reflux, and regurgitation of stomach fluid as high as the throat, sometimes causing coughing.
- Of the approximately 14 million GERD sufferers, most are over the age of 50.
- About 60 percent of those with chronic GERD may be candidates for the Stretta procedure.
- Americans spend about \$14 billion a year on anti-heartburn drugs, according to one estimate.

over her life. "You can't sleep well, you're in constant discomfort, and it isn't only when you eat, it's when you don't eat."

It interfered with her job, forcing her to take time off and causing depression. Referred to the U-M by her own gastroenterologist, she went through several months of tests, diet modification and medication changes, but still had just mild relief.

After participating in the Stretta clinical trial, though, she says she feels better than she has in 25 years. "Today I have no discomfort of any kind. Every day I feel better. I'm

back not just functioning, but being productive in my professional career. And I can laugh again, which I hadn't done in a long time."

For more information check the web at:

U-M Health System Health Topics A to Z: Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease  
www.med.umich.edu/1libr/topics/digest10.htm

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disorders: GERD  
http://www.niddk.nih.gov/health/digest/pubs/heartbrn/heartbrn.htm

## 9. Personals

### Happy 23rd Birthday Joe Collen on January 5th!



This special birthday greeting goes to Hawaii for a son who is many miles from home.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Jason

## 8. Announcements

**GRAYLING HOLIDAY INN'S** Speakeasy Saloon Live entertainment Tuesday thru Saturday bands playing Jan. 3 - Jan. 6 Crowd Pleasers, Jan. 10 - Jan. 13 Crowd Pleasers, Jan. 17 - Jan. 20 Uncle Ugly. Happy Hour in our Speakeasy Saloon 11-9 Mon.-Fri. 22 oz. drafts, all flavors \$1.50. (-4-11/8)

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**1995 CHEVY SILVERADO 4 X 4** 142,000 miles. 3/4 ton on one ton chassis, trailer brakes, loaded. \$12,500 O.B.O. 517-821-4139. (-21-28-4/11)

**1994 GRAND SV CARAVAN** Automatic transmission (OD) seven passenger keyless entry, lighted ceiling console. Full power, safety lock system, tinted windows, new tires, new brakes. \$6,500. O.B.O. 517-348-9888 after 6 p.m. (-28-4-11-18-25-1/11)

**HELP WANTED HINTS** When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (517) 348-6811

## 8. Announcements

## ATTENTION GRAYLING TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Beginning January 18th, you *must* have your 2001 local/permit if you want to dispose of household waste at Grayling Township Transfer Station. This does not mean the use of the recycling center, recycling is free to anyone in Crawford County.

Refuse permits are available at the township offices at 10000 Grayling Way between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The cost for an annual permit is \$5.00.

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# FOOTBALL CONTEST 2000-01

## Week #18 Winning Games

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Miami (40)             | 11. South Carolina |
| 2. New Orleans            | 12. Virginia Tech  |
| 3. Philadelphia           | 13. Michigan       |
| 4. Free                   | 14. Miami          |
| 5. LSU                    | 15. New Orleans    |
| 6. Oregon                 | 16. Philadelphia   |
| 7. Nebraska               | 17. Free           |
| 8. Air Force              | 18. Michigan (59)  |
| 9. Mississippi State (84) |                    |
| 10. Kansas State          |                    |

**THANK YOU  
FOR PLAYING!!**

## Winner of the Week

Mike D'Amour

- with 15 correct and the first tiebreaker of 40
- 64 entries •